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Attempt made to Taser him...

Man with 'knuckle duster' is jailed after incident outside nightclub

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A MAN who became aggressive and abusive to the police at Porthcawl, was later found to be in possession of a knuckle duster, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Lori Davies of Waun Newydd, Heol y Cyw, Bridgend, admitted possessing cannabis and possessing an offensive weapon.

He received a 12-month prison sentence.

He had also been committed to the court for sentence for using threatening words and behaviour.

Prosecutor Tim Naylor said an incident occurred outside The Breeze nightclub in Porthcawl. When the police went there, Davies became abusive, saying: "I don't give a ****".

One of his wrists was handcuffed and he broke away.

He was later taken to the ground and was found to have a knuckleduster on him. He was also found to have a small amount of cannabis. An attempt was also made to Taser him before he ran off.

Davies told officers that what he did was out of character and that he had been "wound up".

He was said to have convictions for seven offences, including the supply of amphetamine.

Davies' solicitor, Robert Chudleigh, said: "This is a case of the utmost gravity – an unseemly act of violence."

He said Davies had personal difficulties following a 12-year relationship. He met a group of friends near the club. He had been involved in drugs and alcohol.

Judge Harris Jenkins, sentencing him to 12 months' imprisonment, said: "These offences were committed at night and it was a prolonged incident. You brandished a weapon and you even claimed you were beaten up by the police."

He said the contents of a pre-sentence report indicated that Davies showed no remorse whatsoever.

During the case, a man in the public gallery seemed to be taking photographs of the judge and lawyers on his mobile phone.

The phone was taken off him and examined by the judge. The man left the public gallery and raced to the front of the court shouting: "I want my phone back, I've done nothing."

He was taken from the court and ejected from the building.

A police officer said the incident would be reported.

Said the Judge: "It seems there was an obvious contempt of court."

TOWN TURNS OUT TO PAY ITS RESPECTS - 'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'...

PHOTOGRAPH by RANDELL JOHN

People turned out across the county borough to mark Remembrance Sunday. As you can see (above) in Bridgend the procession was an impressive one.

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Young Bridgend man tells of life after prison

A Bridgend man has spoken of his experiences as a former homeless young person, to help raise awareness of a Sleep Out fundraising event by homelessness charity, Llamau.

'Steven' served a short prison sentence in 2014, and upon release found himself with no secure home to go to.

He was referred to Llamau, who worked closely with him in the months that followed to support his journey back into society.

Steven was placed in Llamau-supported accommodation while staff from the charity worked with him to identify a preferred occupation to strive for – construction.

After a few months of accessing Llamau's service, including the 'Learning 4 Life' programme and the Symud Ymlaen/Moving Forward programme, which aims to train and mentor individuals into employment, Steven landed a job with JEHU Construction, and began earning his own money.

With continued support and mentoring from Llamau, Steven was eventually able to mend his relationship with his mother and move back into his family home.

'Steven' working on a construction site.

Steven's story

STEVEN said: "Following my release (from prison), I knew it was time to get my life back on track, and this time I was going to get it right.

I'd made some choices which had held me back from being the successful person I knew I could be.

"I'd been on Llamau's Learning 4 Life programme in the spring of 2014. I wasn't in a good place at the time and I wasn't on the course for very long. But while in prison I'd thought about where I was, where I had been and where I was going.

"As soon as I was released, I got accommodation in a Llamau house in Bridgend and my support worker asked me if I'd like to try the programme again.

"I didn't think they'd take me back, but they did. At first I found it hard living in the new area and some of the people I hung around with didn't bring out the best in me. I was drinking too much and that was making a bad situation worse.

"But there was one thing which I knew in the middle of all this; that I wanted to be a construction worker. I was good at maths in school and I have always kept myself fit.

"At the start of being at Learning 4 Life, I found it hard to concentrate. I had no structure in my life. Thursday was the only day of the week when I had something useful to do with my time, and that was Learning 4 Life.

"But they gave me targets. I did workshops which got me a CV and interview practice, and started a level 2 maths qualification. Slowly, things were getting better.

"The programme also helped me to do something about my drinking. All of a sudden, my tutor wasn't having to phone me to get me to come in – I was doing it myself.

"Around Christmas, my tutor referred me for a work placement. Llamau had links with JEHU Project Services, and I had already received interview practice through Llamau, so when JEHU interviewed me, I managed to get the placement.

"Soon after Christmas, I started work on my first construction site. I was now working, I was earning, I was getting my self-respect back, and my skills were being used. I was going home tired after a day's work and I had structure in my life.

"I got on well with the people at JEHU. They liked me, and the updates my tutor was getting from them showed that I was making really good progress. Also, I had the support of a mentor from SOVA. We met every week and she helped me with my confidence and she helped me to stay focused.

"At about this time, I also moved home again. It was great to be home. I now had qualifications, employment and I'd been able to mend my relationship with my mother.

"A year ago, I wasn't in a good place. Things were not good, in all sorts of ways. Things are very different now. At the end of my six month placement with JEHU, they took me on.

"I've got a job, I'm earning, I've got qualifications, I'm living at home, my relationships are better, I don't drink like I used to and I've got my confidence back."

The public is being urged to Sleep Out for one night on Thursday, November 12 from 7pm—7am at Cardiff Central Youth Club (the former Wales National Tennis Centre), Ocean Way, Cardiff, CF24 5HF, to support homeless young people and raise much-needed funds.

Visit www.llamau.co.uk/sleepout for full details.

The Citizenship Awards allow you to reward local heroes...

DO you know someone who regularly goes the extra mile for others, is an outstanding charity fundraiser, has committed a remarkable act of bravery, or has achieved something special during 2015?

As the year comes to a close, the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough is asking local residents to put forward their nominations of individuals, groups or businesses who are worthy of a Mayor's Citizenship Award.

Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Richard Young, said: "Each year, The Mayor's Citizenship Awards give us a chance to say thanks to the unsung heroes who are making such an impact in our local communities, and give them the appreciation they deserve.

"Last year's worthy winners included a number of volunteers and fundraisers who collectively raised thousands of pounds for good causes, and other residents who are putting their communities on the map in a positive way. I would invite as many people as possible to send in their nominations for this year's awards and help us to raise awareness of the amazing things that local people do."

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council, the awards are open to people who live in the county borough, as well as local groups and businesses based locally.

Visit the Mayor's pages at www.bridgend.gov.uk to download a nomination form and find out more about the awards.

Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Richard Young.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 29, 2016, and the award winners will be honoured at an event hosted by the Mayor at the Civic Offices in Bridgend in March 2016.

'War museum is star attraction'

AS someone who regularly visits Wales from Coventry, I wanted to write to you and your readers about our favourite place to visit in Wales.

For the last three years, three generations of my family have made the 284-mile round trip to Wales from Coventry (and then back again!) to visit the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station.

After reading positive reviews on Tripadvisor in 2013, I decided to take my 80-year-old mum and dad, plus my 30-year-old daughter on a day trip to the museum and loved it so much, that we now visit several times a year.

The museum also arranges a 'Barry at War Weekend' which we always attend. This is such a great weekend, full of entertainment and re-enactments and we have sat on the beach and watched the arranged Red Arrows display.

Next year, there will be four car loads full of family and friends going to the weekend event, as we have praised previous events so highly.

The museum is free to enter and is run by volunteers; it contains all sorts of information about the war, including exhibits and artifacts. Even though the museum is quite small, there is so much to do and see and the volunteers who work there are just brilliant.

They are so enthusiastic about their cause and are always so welcoming and friendly. My Dad loves sharing stories from the war with them and the volunteers are so informative.

We really think that anyone who visits the museum will have a great time and will treasure it, just like we do!

Natalie Jenkinson, Coventry.

The Civic Charity lunch raises funds for local causes...

THE Civic Charity and friends came together for an enjoyable afternoon at the Great House Hotel and restaurant, Laleston, in the company of Huw Irranca-Davies, MP and Janice Gregory, AM, for a charity lunch on October 30.

We had a warm welcome from Norma and Stephen Bond and delicious food. The chairman of the Civic Charity appeals committee, county councillor Marlene Thomas, introduced Janice Gregory, AM for Ogmore, as the comperè.

Guest speaker Huw Irranca-Davies, MP for Ogmore, was very entertaining. The Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend, Coun Richard Young, thanked the comperè, guest speaker and everyone for attending and supporting the chosen local charities – *Mental Health Matters Wales-Bridgend, Guy Chappell Cardio-Respiratory Investigation Unit @ The Princess of Wales Hospital, The Bridge Mentoring plus Scheme and Ysgol Bryn Castell Charitable Fund.*

The next event is a coffee morning on Friday, November 20 from 10am to 1pm at the Heronston Hotel, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, with gift and information stalls, cake stalls and Llangewydd School Choir.

Admission £6 to include coffee/tea biscuits and all are welcome. *For further information, call 01656 664105 or Coun Marlene Thomas on 01656 871439.*

MARI MAJOR

'Recycle your poppies' *customers are urged*

IN a follow-up to the Poppy appeal, Sainsbury's Bridgend is providing a recycling service to support the Royal British Legion.

Until November 24, customers can choose to recycle their poppies via an in-store collection point.

A poppy recycling box will be available at the Bridgend customer service desk.

"All collected poppies will go back to The Royal British Legion to enable them to re-use or recycle them," a spokesperson said.

Start getting ready for Christmas with Bridgend Communities First!

BRIDGEND Communities First is helping you get ready for Christmas with lots of free Christmas craft sessions for all those aged 16 years and over.

On November 19, come along to Bridgend Life Centre's conference room from 10am–12pm and find out how to make beautiful Christmas cards to wow your friends and family. Book your place by calling Lloyd Jones on 0797 375 4011.

You will be able to make tasty treats and decorations at Marlas Youth Centre in North Cornelly on November 24 from 10am–2.30pm by creating Christmas wreaths for your front door and gingerbread tree ornaments. Book your place by calling Adrian Morgan on 01656 670812.

On November 26 at Brackla Tabernacle, you will be able to create fantastic Christmas tree decorations to make your tree sparkle from 10am–12pm. Book your place by calling Lloyd Jones on 0797 375 4011.

Free to all those living in Bridgend Communities First areas, but advanced booking is required.

Details can be found on Bridgend Communities First's website www.commfirstbridgend.co.uk or by calling or texting Lloyd Jones on 0797 375 4011.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL NOVEMBER 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
12 Thur	06.31	9.7	18.48	9.7
13 Fri	07.05	9.8	19.19	9.6
14 Sat	07.38	9.7	19.53	9.5
15 Sun	08.12	9.6	20.29	9.5
16 Mon	08.51	9.3	21.08	9.2
17 Tues	09.32	9.0	21.53	8.8
18 Wed	10.21	8.6	22.51	8.4
19 Thur	11.25	8.4	23.58	8.2

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man (44) is jailed after dangerous driving in Porthcawl

A MOTORIST, who reversed his vehicle at 50 miles an hour in Porthcawl, has been jailed for a total of 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court and disqualified from driving for three years.

Kevin Criddle (44) of Morriston, Swansea, admitted charges of dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and without insurance.

Recorder Jeremy Jenkins said: "You have an appalling driving record. You drove dangerously in Porthcawl.

"The time has come when you have to go into custody for a substantial period of time to protect the public. You should not have been behind the wheel of a car."

Prosecutor John Warren said Criddle had been disqualified from driving twice this year.

On September 29, police were on duty in Mallard Way when they saw Criddle driving along. He was told to stop, but he reversed at about 50 miles an hour.

He drove at speed into a housing estate, where children were playing.

Mr Warren said he was arrested in Swansea the following day.

He was said to have seven convictions for driving while disqualified, 11 for driving without insurance and one for dangerous driving, failing to provide a breath specimen and failing to stop for the police.

His solicitor, Steven Burnell, said: "I accept he reversed in dangerous circumstances. It was only for a short distance."

Criddle was ordered to pay a criminal court charge of £900 and to take the extended driving test.

Jail sentence for 'serious alcoholic'

AN alcoholic who was said to be unable to drink responsibly, has been jailed for four months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Rhiannon Roper, 25, of Swn Afon, Kenfig Hill, admitted breaching an antisocial behaviour order and causing damage.

Prosecutor Gareth James said Roper had been banned from drinking in public houses, but on October 4 went to the Walnut Tree pub in Kenfig Hill and became aggressive towards the landlord.

She said: "I'm not leaving until I finish my drink you *****."

Shortly before she left, she smashed a window. She was later taken into custody. She was unable to be interviewed by the police because she refused to come out of her cell.

Her solicitor, Adam Sharp, said: "She is a serious alcoholic and simply can't drink responsibly. She behaved in such a way as to invite the authorities to arrest her.

"She once telephoned the police to say she was paralytically drunk.

"She is particularly vulnerable and needs some level of assistance. Sadly, she also has psychological issues. She has been involved in a vicious cycle."

Judge Patrick Curran told her: "You have caused yourself to be taken back to prison."

IN BRIEF

Festive fair

KPC Youth Group (off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend CF33 6AB) will hold their Christmas fair on Saturday, November 28 at KPC Youth and Community group from 10am – 1pm.

Crafts, tombola, Christmas gifts and Santa's grotto.

Telephone 01656 745399 or 10656 749219; stalls available, £5. Kpcyouth@hotmail.com

Gleemen perform

MAESTEG Gleemen Male Voice Choir will perform on Friday, November 20 at 7pm in the Ynysawdre Village Hall.

Admission is £5 and includes a homemade cake and tea or coffee. For tickets call Mair on 01656 722115.

Y Bont raffle

THIS year's raffle tickets can be obtained from Y Bont for £1 and will be drawn on Tuesday, December 22. First prize (of three) is two Six Nations rugby tickets!

To obtain tickets to sell, contact fundraising@ybont.com

Have your say on council plans

AS public consultation over BCBC's future budget plans comes to a close later this month, residents are again being urged to have their say in an online survey, or by attending a community workshop.

The council is facing a funding shortfall of £50million by 2020 and has developed new corporate priorities. It wants residents to give their views on how it can meet this challenge, deliver services and save money 'against a backdrop of diminishing local government resources'.

'Shaping Bridgend's Future' is online at *www.bridgend.gov.uk/future* until November 22, and everyone who takes part in the survey will receive a free seven-day pass to a Halo leisure centre, plus a chance of a full year's free membership.

Community workshops have also been held and the remaining sessions are being held at the Bridgend Life Centre this Thursday (November 12) at 6pm, and at Maesteg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 18 at 6pm.

Porthcawl Mayor takes to the boards for 'White Christmas'

The Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl step out on the boards with the White Christmas chorus line.

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Couns David and Gaynor Newton-Williams, visited a rehearsal of the forthcoming presentation of Irving Berlin's White Christmas at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, by the Porthcawl Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society (PAODS).

The show is being presented on November 19, 20 and 21 at 7.30pm and at 2.30pm for the Saturday matinee on November 21.

Couns David and Gaynor Newton-Williams, discussing with Rizzoli Lee and Taya Beechey the role of 'Susan Waverly', who they play on alternate performances of White Christmas.

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN.

ROTARY PUT THEIR STAMP ON CHRISTMAS

YES, Christmas is coming – and so is the Rotary Club of Porthcawl's Christmas post – so if you are writing your festive cards early, don't post them yet!

From November 16 to December 15, Rotary 'Posties' will collect, sort and deliver Christmas post with specially designed Rotary Christmas stamps.

You will be able to buy Rotary Christmas stamps from participating local outlets and post your cards in special Rotary post boxes at the stores to adresses in the CF36 postal area… for only 25p!

The Rotary Posties are ready, willing and able to get delivering in order to raise money for local and international Rotary charities!

Not only that but also in this digital age, they now have their own Facebook page so that you can keep up to date with information.

Please remember that cards can only be posted at the stores and can only be delivered to CF36 addresses.

From November 16, stamps can be bought and cards posted at the following stores: DH Edwards, Well Street; Walters Shoes and Jane's Forget Me Not, on John Street; Stationery Hill, Station Hill; Cal's, Suffolk Place; Lifestyle Express, New Road; General Stores, The Precinct; Parc Stores, Cilparc; Nottage Stores, Nottage; Spar Stores, Newton; Digital Print, Lias Road; and the Atlantic Hotel.

The club is very grateful for the goodwill of the stores, and continuing generosity of the public.

IVOR WILLIAMS

ABOVE:
The 'White Christmas' chorus line go through their steps

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SHORTAGE OF YOUNG ENGINEERS

PICTURED from left: Dave Quinn and Glyn Thomas of UK Steel Enterprise.

A FIRM of electrical and mechanical engineers has received a "substantial investment" from Tata subsidiary UK Steel Enterprise to grow the business, but is short of skilled workers.

At present, Service Control employs 30 people working around the UK from its base in Pyle near Bridgend, and managing director Dave Quinn plans to increase that number to 50 in the next year.

UK Steel Enterprise Investment Executive Glyn Thomas commented: "We are delighted to be able to provide debt finance to Service Control, and wish them well as they put their business plan into action, aiming to take on some 20 new staff in the next year."

However, Mr Quinn has concerns that he will be able to recruit the staff he needs."We know the business is there for us to expand, but honestly it is difficult to find people with the skills we need," he said.

"The decline of heavy industry means engineering skills are being lost, and not being passed on to the next generation through apprenticeships. We also need more vocational training in education."

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Chocolate shop student sheds the pounds to inspire other slimmers

A PORTHCAWL student who felt compelled to join a slimming club when she couldn't fit into her bridesmaid dress is celebrating dropping four dress sizes – while working in a chocolate shop.

Molly Proudfoot (22) said there were probably jobs better suited to being on a diet than one that involved serving chocolate all day at Thorntons in Swansea's Quadrant Shopping Centre – especially when the shop sells your favourite treat, Viennese truffles!

But the sales assistant, who works part time in the store, refused to let the sight and smell of stacks of luxury chocolate deter her from her weight loss goals and after two years of dedication and willpower, she is now over three stone lighter.

Molly, who is studying for a master's degree in war and society at Swansea University, is now tipping the scales at 12st 4lb after losing 3st 3lb and dropping four dress sizes, from 20 to a 12, with the Slimming World programme.

Then and now: Molly Proudfoot has resisted the chocolate temptation of working at Thorntons in Swansea's Quadrant Shopping Centre to lose a mountain of weight.

The history graduate is so impressed with the programme's success rate that she's decided to help other people by launching her own group in St Thomas Church Hall in Swansea on Tuesday's at 5.30pm from the end of September.

Molly, of Nottage, decided to join national weight loss programme in July 2013 after she was unable to fit into her bridesmaid dress prior to her aunt's wedding.

Humiliated and depressed, Molly hit an all-time low and decided to do something about it.

"I was a size 20 and 15 and a half stone," she said.

"The bridesmaid dress didn't fit and I'd only had a fitting two weeks before. They had to alter it in front of my family.

"I'd always felt judged by a lot of people. I often used to hear strangers making comments about my weight which was devastating.

"When it came to the September that I was about to start university I thought I had to do something about it."

Initially, Molly tried a diet that involved eating spinach and pumpkin seeds but when this didn't work, her grandmother suggested Slimming World and explained the Food Optimising healthy eating plan.

Molly joined a group in Porthcawl during the summer break from university and began following the programme, swapping the usual unhealthy student meals for home-cooked, low-calorie alternatives.

"I thought when I went back to uni I'd find it difficult," she said.

"I loved the group so much that I decided to travel back and forth. It was really important to me because they were people who accepted me for who I was. They were really supportive.

Molly, who also rides and goes running near her family home at Nottage, Porthcawl, is raising cash for the Lymphoma and Leukaemia Society in support of her best friend, Abigail Weale, who was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Molly added: "I felt so bad about myself before joining Slimming World, and I couldn't have done it on my own, I needed something sustainable. I want to be there for other people and help them along. I know how important it was for me to have support. I achieved my dream and I want to help other people achieve their dreams."

Bike-it champions and pupils Emily and Rhys Weaver with Coun David Owen and Dale Hart.

Bikes and scooters fly pennant at Nantymoel!

NANTYMOEL primary school is encouraging a healthier way of travelling for its teachers and pupils – after securing funding from Pennant Walters.

It received over £6,700 which has allowed the purchase and installation of a bike and scooter facility and already the school is reporting benefits.

The facility installed at the start of the autumn term, has already made an impact and now more than 20 pupils are using it each week.

Pennant Walters, a south Wales renewable energy company, provided the funding as part of its policy of ensuring local communities benefit from its investments. The funding was secured with the help of chair of governors and local Coun David Owen.

Bike-it champion and teacher at Nantymoel Primary School, Stacey O'Connell, explains: "The funding from Pennant Walters has been gratefully received. Prior to having such a facility we didn't have one pupil or teacher cycle to and from school. Now – just half a term into the year – we have more than 20 people cycling, with the number increasing each week."

Coun David Owen said: "The lack of cycling facilities at the school meant more traffic locally at peak times. The fact that we now have more than 20 regular cyclists is fantastic – we have less traffic around the school, plus the health implications speak for themselves. We look forward to using the facility for years to come."

Pennant Walters managing director Dale Hart said: "We are delighted to provide this funding to Nantymoel Primary School. When we were approached by Coun David Owen and he spoke of the impact the project would have on the school, its pupils and teachers, we were delighted to lend our support.

"Our wind energy projects come with community funds that we use to invest in projects such as this and our aim is to bring very real benefits to the communities in the vicinity of our projects, providing financial assistance and expertise where we can."

Foodbank volunteers. Photos by David Swidenbank.

Porthcawl YMCA welcomes Mayor

THE Mayor and Mayoress of BCBC, Coun Richard and Mrs Annett Young enjoyed a busy two hours in Porthcawl YMCA where they met members and users aged from five years to 80.

They were met and escorted by YMCA president John Berry alongside chairman John Hornsby, trustee Jade Rees, and senior development worker Claire Bridge.

The Mayor first visited the Pritchard Room where the borough plaque is displayed, that was presented to the World President of the YMCA.

They then visited members in PotterY, the foodbank, the children's holiday club and the art exhibition, Visual Counterpoint.

Viewing the borough plaque.

They learned from the volunteers the need for the foodbank, its administration and its ramifications.

In the art exhibition they met local artist John Murphy.

The Mayor expressed his pleasure at the invitation and expressed surprise at the amount of work undertaken in the YMCA, showing it to be a true community hub; and thanked everybody for their attention and time.

JOHN BERRY
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Remembrance service parade at Kenfig Hill

STAFF and cadets of 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets took part today in Sunday's Remembrance day parade at Kenfig Hill.

The parade marshal this year was Flt Sgt (ATC) Richard Peckham. Although the weather was dull and overcast, the rain kept off and both the service and parade went well. The service was well attended by the local community.

Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas, OC 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron said it is always an honour for the Squadron to take part in an occasion that is always remembered by staff and Cadets for its importance as a tribute to all who have given service in times of conflict, past and present.

After the Kenfig Hill service , Flt Sgt (ATC) Peckham and four Cadets travelled up to Cefn Cribwr to perform guard of honour duties for the laying of the 15 pottery poppies bought by the Cefn Cribwr branch of the RBL, one for each life lost from the village during war.

The Cadets, Cdt Flt Sgt J Morris, Cdt Cpl R Llewellyn, Cdt H Llewellyn, and Cdt G Horgan, stood at attention, one on each corner of the cenotaph, during the whole service and upon completion of the service stood guard until the poppies were removed for safe storage.

Flt Sgt Gould also attended from Porthcawl Squadron where he is currently the commanding officer.

Flt Sgt (ATC) Peckham would like to thank the four cadets for an outstanding representation of the squadron at this service, and hopes that they may have this honour again in the future.

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INNER WHEEL COFFEE MORNING

PORTHCAWL Inner Wheel have held a coffee morning at the Trinity Church, Porthcawl.

It was a blustery day but well attended. District chairman Marian Curtis and the Mayor of Porthcawl, David Newton Williams helped draw the raffle and president Mary and members raised well over £300. The cake stall was a definite favourite!

Inner Wheel hold their monthly meetings at the Grove golf club on the first Tuesday of the month and work towards helping the local communities; all proceeds go to local charities and Mary's annual charities are RNLI and the Sandville Help Centre.

ATC promotion for Sergeant Peckham!

Congratulations go to Flt Sgt (ATC) Richard Peckham after Sqn Ldr Gerry Lewis, Deputy OC No3 Welsh Wing attended at 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets last week to mark his promotion.

Sqn Ldr Lewis said Flt Sgt (ATC) Peckham was very deserving of his promotion for all the work he has done over the years, not only to the Squadron, but to the Wing and the ACO.

Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas, OC 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron, said that promotion to the rank of Flt Sgt is only considered after four years of service in the rank of Sergeant. A set of criteria has to be adhered to along with recommendations by OC Squadron, Wing Staff Officer covering the Squadron making the recommendation and OC No3 Welsh Wing before being considered by the Wales and the West Regional Commandant.

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Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas, Flt Sgt (ATC) Peckham, Sqn Ldr Gerry Lewis.

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Community turns out in force at Porthcawl for Parade and Service of Remembrance

A new element was introduced at Porthcawl for this year's Remembrance Sunday.

Various organisations in the town, and in particular those involving young people, assembled at the harbour at around 9.45am, and marched to All Saints Church, prior to the Service of Remembrance.

The departure from tradition caught a number of people out, but it is hoped to repeat it in future years.

After the Service, the crowds filed out of the church and collected around the Cenotaph, where wreaths were laid.

The crowd stood still in total silence for the traditional two minutes, and Reveille and the Last Post were sounded.

The Standards are lowered for the two-minute silence.

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun David Newton-Williams, lays a wreath.

Fine turnout as citizens of Bridgend pay their respects to those who died in war

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BRIDGEND Remembrance Day saw an impressive turnout with members of the Royal British Legion and Armed Forces, joining local organisations and citizens to pay their respects.

A heartening sight was the number of young people who recognise Remembrance as an important part of their British heritage.

Photographer Randell John was on hand to capture some of the key moments.

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Cefn Cribwr's tribute on Remembrance Day

Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan

Tower of London ceramic poppies were placed at the Cenotaph.

THE Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service and Parade at Cefn Cribwr was co-ordinated on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Kenfig Hill and District Branch, and Pyle Community Council, by Chief Engineer Merchant Navy Malcolm Reynolds.

The Remembrance Service was at Siloam Chapel, Cefn Cribwr, and was conducted by Rev Deacon Claire Stowell.

Following the service, the parade was assembled outside Siloam Chapel and smartly marched to the Cenotaph.

A very large crowd had assembled at the Cenotaph for the service and Act of Remembrance, which was conducted by Rev Jonathan Durley and Rev Deacon Claire Stowell.

As with previous years, emphasis was placed on the involvement of youngsters in the service and parade.

Following the placing of Tower of London ceramic poppies and the Laying of Wreaths, where the children of Cefn Cribwr Primary School were heavily involved, the Kohima Epitaph was read and the service was closed with the blessing by Rev Jonathan Durley and a thank you from Chief Engineer Merchant Navy Malcolm Reynolds.

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A Christmas cracker from Cantorion Coety

CANTORION COETY is hoping to celebrate the release of its first CD recording in time for Christmas this year.

The choir's large repertoire encompasses all aspects of Welsh choral music, including contemporary compositions, traditional music, hymns and folk songs as well as translations of songs from other cultures.

The recording was made earlier this year at Gilead Chapel, Spencer Road, Coity, where the choir practices are held each week. The provisional proof tracks of the CD have been produced for assessment.

Musical director Eira Paskin and accompanist, Gareth Waite can be well pleased with their efforts, since the consensus of opinion is that the CD will be a very good and valuable representation of the choir's ability and depth of the present repertoire.

Cantorion Coety has a busy time leading up to Christmas. It will be present at the Gilead Chapel Christmas tree festival on Monday, December 7 and will also be performing at the Tabenacl Chapel Christmas carol service to be held at 3pm on Sunday, December 13 at Derewen Road, Bridgend.

The choir launched a website in the early autumn: www.catorioncoety/cymru.

BRIDGEND WRITERS' CIRCLE

THE Circle's annual short story competition for this year is 1,500-1,800 words on the theme 'Our Street'.

Entry is £5 for a single story, £7.50 for two stories; closing date is January 31, 2016.

Prizes are £200, £50 and £30 and publication on the Circle's website.

Rules, conditions of entry and entry form can be viewed at: bridgendwriters.webplus.net, or google 'Bridgend Writers' Circle'.

The Circle meets at Carnegie House, Bridgend, on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15pm; new members welcome.

Plans for new primary care centre unveiled at a Porthcawl hotel

RESIDENTS will be able to view plans for a new primary care and community services centre in Porthcawl when they go on display in the town for the first time today (November 12).

ABMU Health Board is proposing to transfer GP and community services to the new centre to improve patient care and provide new services.

The plans are on show at the open day from 9am – 6.30pm in the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel.

Representatives of the health board, GP practices, the development team and the Community Health Council will also be available to talk to residents and answer any questions.

A health board spokesman said that the search for a suitable site to build a new centre has been ongoing since 2006 because the main Portway surgery site is too small, and doesn't offer the accommodation required to deliver modern services.

The practice also has to use the South Road premises, meaning services are provided from a split site.

Accommodation at both the Victoria Avenue GP surgery and the community services site in South Road falls far below the standard expected for modern health needs.

None of these buildings can be modernised or expanded, so the proposal is to move the practices and community services into a purpose-built new centre on Newton Nottage Road, next to Meadow Lake.

ABMU's Director of Primary Care and Community Services, Hilary Dover, explained: "We have been trying to progress a new healthcare facility for Porthcawl since 2006. Unfortunately a suitable site was not forthcoming and we were unable to progress the plans.

"This in turn placed increasing pressure on buildings which were no longer fit for purpose. However, the site on Newton Nottage Road has become unexpectedly available.

"The lack of any other suitable land becoming available within an acceptable timescale has prompted the health board to pursue this option."

If the new development goes ahead there would also be a pharmacy, car park with disabled parking spaces, a drop-off point and an ambulance bay.

Residents can air their views today; email Sendusyourviews.abm@wales.nhs.uk with the title 'Porthcawl' or write to: Hilary Dover, Director, Primary Care and Community Services Delivery Unit, Block A, Neath Port Talbot Hospital, Port Talbot, SA12 7BX.

ABOVE: A computer generated image of how the new centre would look.

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Stagecoach students are heading back to West End

Stagecoach students at Her Majesty's Theatre.

YOUNG performers from Stagecoach Theatre Arts will take to the stage in London's West End on December 13 to perform at a charity gala at the famous Phoenix Theatre.

Stagecoach Principal Helene Reynolds said: "We are delighted to have been chosen to perform at this prestigious event in aid of Bullies Out and Macmillan Cancer Support".

The students aged 11-18 have previously performed at Her Majesty's Theatre and the Shaftesbury Theatre.

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MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

OGMORE Valley Male Voice Choir will perform at Wick Village Hall on Friday, December 4 at 7.30pm. Tickets (£5), from Sue Evans on 01656 890217 or Wick village shop, include mulled wine and a mince pie.

Careworker Simon lines up top award

Phil Batchelor, Simon James, and Kate Batchelor.

LOCAL caregiver Simon James has been nominated for a national award for his outstanding services to the home care sector.

He already won the regional heat of the competition and is one of only five finalists in the running for at-home care company Home Instead Senior Care's national 'Caregiver of the Year' award.

Simon joined the team more than a year ago and was put forward for the award by owners of Home Instead Cardiff, Phil and Kate Batchelor. Phil stated: "To say that Simon is one in a million is an understatement. The impact he has had on his clients and the lives of their families is remarkable. He is reliable, punctual, hardworking and kind with a fabulous sense of humour.

"Simon is a special gentleman, for whom nothing is ever too much trouble. He consistently works beyond the call of duty to ensure the happiness and wellbeing of his clients. He without a doubt enriches their lives daily."

SIXTY VELINDRE TREKKERS GEAR UP FOR PATAGONIA

OVER 60 trekkers will soon be setting off to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre, as part of official 150th anniversary celebrations of Welsh settlers arriving in South America, when they embark on a gruelling six-day trek in Patagonia.

The highlight of the trek on November 24 as the trekkers join a special anniversary walk with the Rifleros up Craig Goch, to the point from which Cwm Hyfryd was first seen by their Welsh ancestors.

Almost 150 years ago, 162 men, women and children sailed on the *Mimosa* for a new life in South America. Despite many hardships, more settlers arrived in Patagonia and the Welsh language is still spoken and eisteddfodau are held each year.

The are two treks taking place: the first on November 17 will be led by Shane Williams, and the second on November 22, led by Velindre patrons Rhod Gilbert and James Dean Bradfield.

Rhod said: "It's taken me the last 12 months to get over climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for Velindre, and that was a fantastic experience, so I'm really looking forward to this next adventure.

"I've been a proud patron of Velindre for just over a year, and as someone who has been fascinated by our Patagonia heritage, this trek has enormous appeal; it's a great chance to raise funds for a cause that means a lot to me, and also a rare opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors exactly 150 years on."

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Saunders Lewis plaque to be unveiled in Penarth

A PLAQUE is being unveiled next week at the house where Saunders Lewis lived in Penarth – to mark the 30th anniversary of his death.

The event is being arranged by the local Plaid Cymru branch and the Plaid Cymru History Society, with the support of the current house owner, who has lived there since Mr Lewis died and who has preserved some of the furniture in his old study.

The commemorative blue plaque will be unveiled by Dafydd Wigley at a ceremony at the house in Westbourne Road at 2pm on November 19.

Lord Wigley, a former MP and Assembly member who was a bearer at Mr Lewis's funeral, will also give a lecture on Mr Lewi life and legacy in the evening at Evenlode Primary School, Penarth.

Mr Lewis was present at the meeting in Bedwas Place, Penarth, in 1924 which led to the formation of Plaid Cymru the following year. He was a founder member of the party and its president.

As well as being a political activist, he is generally recognised as one of Wales' leading literary figures of the 20th century. He was a dramatist, poet, historian and literary critic.

His 1962 lecture, Tynged yr Iaith (The Fate of The Language), led to the formation of the Welsh Language Society. He is buried in St Augustine's churchyard, Penarth.

Guests at the unveiling ceremony will include Bethan Jenkins, the party's Assembly spokesperson on heritage and the Welsh language, Dafydd Trystan Davies, Plaid Assembly candidate for Cardiff South and Penarth, and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church.

Dafydd Wigley.

Everyone is welcome at the evening event, which takes place between 7pm and 9.30pm. Admission is £10 to include light refreshments.

For further details, contact Rowland Davies on 07769 195025.

'Working class Tories have themselves to blame' READER

IT was the final sacrifice of heroes in World War II, which brought half the British people to vote Labour in 1945, to create a finer nation of much higher moral principles, such as the welfare state.

It is the complete rejection of those principles by their grandchildren today, when they preferred to vote Conservative, to revert to the gross injustice of deliberate poverty for the lower classes as in the 1930s.

One might blame all the millionaire Tory supporters, but they do not have the power.

Tory victory has been caused by the malice of working class Tories, who deeply resent any benefits paid to their neighbour, and who now suddenly feel surprised and aggrieved that the party which they voted for, had always intended to impoverish them as well. When will they ever learn?

CN Westerman, Brynna.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dinas Powys RNLI event

THE Dinas Powys branch of the RNLI is holding a tribute to the life of Matt Monro by international vocal artist Peter Snipp, on November 22 from 3pm to 5pm, at the parish hall.

Tickets £10, which includes tea/coffee and cake are available from the committee, the parish hall or on 02920 513515. RNLI Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale.

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 11am at Cowbridge Town Hall, High Street. No appointment is necessary.

Beware false lottery scam!

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's Trading Standards and South Wales Police are warning residents that fraudsters are operating a fake competition under the name of the Australian lottery.

Officers have recently met locals who have been sending payments by cheque and cash in envelopes directly to Australia, believing the lottery to be genuine. Others have reported receiving cash winnings, which makes the lottery seem more plausible.

What residents don't know is that by continuing to participate in the lottery, you will eventually be told that you have the winning numbers, but you'll be asked to send large payments to release the funds.

Coun Charles Smith, cabinet member with responsibility for legal and regulatory services, said: "It is important for people to know that the genuine Australian lottery can only be played by residents of that country, and no one else. Some local people have lost upwards of £25,000 in the belief that they have the winning ticket. The fraudsters keep coming back for more money until there is nothing left, and they'll then lose contact with you completely. The only way we can tackle these scams is if they are reported to us."

Inspector Robert Lewis, from South Wales Police, added: "Whether you've sent pennies or thousands of pounds to these lotteries, we need to know. If you visit a relative or friend and notice they have received official looking letters from Australia, it could be your chance to discuss this particular type of scam.

"Some may feel embarrassed or ashamed at having sent money to a fraudulent competition, but by telling us about your experience, we can investigate, support and help you as well as others. Thousands of people in the UK are fooled into thinking this Australian lottery is genuine, but we know it to be fake, so we urge our residents not to ignore this advice."

If you or someone you know wishes to discuss scams with Trading Standards, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 (for a service in the Welsh language call 03454 04 05 05) or email tradingstandards@bridgend.gov.uk. Scams can also be reported to South Wales Police via the 101 non-emergency number.

A regional regulatory service covering Bridgend County Borough, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan has been established to run services including trading standards, environmental health and licensing, and can be contacted either by calling 01656 643643 or by emailing talktous@bridgend.gov.uk.

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However, some homeowners found that the full glare of the sun in summer and chilly temperatures in winter made older conservatories uncomfortable, with the only solution being a costly rebuild.

The good news is that building technology has moved on and, as with glazing, there are some thermally efficient roof options now on the market that can be added to the existing conservatory structure.

'Activ' Glass roof

A straightforward upgrade for those who want to keep an uninterrupted view of the blue skies up above is to opt for a modern, low emissivity (low-e) 'Activ', energy efficient glass roof.

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Festive fun with 'The Insatiable, Inflatable Candylion'

LOOKING for a Christmas show with a twist this year? National Theatre Wales has teamed up with Super Furry Animals frontman Gruff Rhys to create *The Insatiable, Inflatable Candylion*, a festive event that is pitched somewhere between a theatre show and a live music gig, inspired by Gruff's seminal album *Candylion* and performed in Cardiff's SWALEC Stadium.

Aberdare-born Tim Price has written the show, which will feature a mix of new songs and old favourites, all written by Gruff. And there's a cracking cast of actor/musicians, including Gruff himself, Sweet Baboo, Lisa Jen Brown (lead singer of 9Bach), Remy Beasley, Matthew Bulgo, Dyfan Dwyfor, Natasha Lewis, Dyfrig Morris, Kliph Scurlock and Emma Daman Thomas.

Audiences aged from four to 104 will be invited to meet a host of characters including Caruin, Cheffyl, Meringutan, Sledgehog, Pale Droid and all the inhabitants of Pixel Valley, where there's a whiff of revolution in the air...

This is an opportunity to see some of the best writing, singing and acting talent Wales has to offer in a unique production by the country's English language national theatre company, performed in the heart of the capital.

***The Insatiable, Inflatable Candylion* will be performed at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff, from December 16 to January 2.**

To book your tickets, call 029 2037 1689, or visit nationaltheatrewales.org.

A LOCAL BREWERY LANDS GOLD MEDAL!

IT'S been a long road for the Great Welsh Beer and Cider Festival, with a change of venue and date.

At one stage, it looked like it might not happen, but thousands of people made their way to The Depot in Cardiff to sample over 120 beers and 60 ciders and perries from all over Wales and the rest of the UK.

There was also an impressive selection of local award winning food stalls and a great atmosphere.

Vale of Glamorgan Brewery, who last year were category winners with their Dark Matter, went one better by taking the Gold Medal which was unanimously voted the 'champion beer' of the festival by independent judges.

Phil Newbould and Dave Walbeoff with their gold medal-winning beer.

It was set up in 2005 by Dave Walbeoff, but was sold on earlier this year to a new team led by Phil Newbould, formerly of The Pilot in Penarth.

The new owners also include friend and ex-colleague Joe Roach and the Knife and Fork Food pub company's directors Sean Murphy and Serge Luceau.

Marie Curie 'remembers'

IT'S time once again for the annual 'Marie Curie Lights to Remember' event at the hospice in Penarth on Thursday, December 3 at 6pm.

This gives an opportunity to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one and then join the switching on of the Christmas lights, a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

There is also entertainment from Caryl Parry Jones and Cor Caerdydd.

"This is an outside event, so please dress appropriately and ready for the cold weather," a spokeswoman urged.

If anyone would like to dedicate a light and attend on the night, contact Georgina Burke, community fundraiser for the Cardiff and Vale hospice on 02920 426 068, or email *Georgina.Burke@mariecurie.org.uk*.

"As in previous years, we would be very grateful for any donations of red wine to help us make our mulled wine. Please could you bring any donated bottles along to the fundraising office at the Hospice in Bridgeman Road, Penarth before the event. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity," the spokeswoman added.

The Marie Curie support line is on 0800 090 2309 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday). Calls from landlines are free, but there may be a charge if you're calling from a mobile.

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Out and About with The GEM

Dark music industry satire hits right notes

NICHOLAS HOULT has come a long way since making his debut in 2003's *About A Boy*. Since then Hoult has used the stepping stone of teen drama *Skins* to become a Hollywood mainstay in the likes of the X-Men universe as Hank McCoy and also in this summer's breakout hit, *Mad Max: Fury Road*.

Hoult's latest film sees him star in an adaption of John Niven's dark novel, set in 1997, *Kill Your Friends*, where he plays Steven Stelfox, an A&R man with no interest in music, just making money and living the high life.

Jealous of his co-workers, desperate for promotion and climbing the ladder, Steven embarks on a number of devious acts that leaves a trail of death and destruction in his wake...

When the novel of *Kill Your Friends* was printed in 2008, it was lauded as a British *American Psycho*, the story mirroring Bret Easton Ellis's indulgent and sociopathic businessman Patrick Bateman in the character of Steven Stelfox, the characters sharing a 'succeed-at-all-costs' mentality and a questionable moral code in order to achieve their goals.

The film of *Kill Your Friends* similarly mirrors the film of *American Psycho*, a darkly comic and caustic tale of greed, murder and hatred that honours the source material and brings it to life in vivid, horrific style.

It's a bold move to refuse to tone down the book's savage tone for the big screen; it would no doubt have been an easier sell had there been some level of redemption for the character of Steven, but that it maintains its cutting edge throughout is wonderful if you've read the novel.

However, those who are coming to the film cold may find its unrelenting tone a little too dark for their tastes, the film, much like the novel, belligerent in its desire to bring any semblance of cheerful resolution.

On paper, Nicholas Hoult may seem slightly miscast as Stelfox, the actor having rarely been cast as anything than a sympathetic character, but he showed a dark side in his *Skins* days and digs deep here to try and nail the sociopathy of Stelfox. It doesn't always wholly convince, but he does a superb job of being so incredibly vile, albeit with a wink and a smirk, that makes him stand out as a character.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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There is no light, only darkness, and Hoult shines as we see Stelfox slide down, and then up, the greasy pole of success, accompanied by some solid support work from the likes of James Corden, Ed Hogg, Georgia King, Tom Riley and the always-watchable Craig Roberts.

Director Owen Harris (who was behind the camera for the impressive TV film *The Gamechangers* earlier this year) shows a stylish and sure foot in the director's chair, nailing perfectly the debauched tone of the book and certainly not scrimping on some the story's more grisly moments.

It's a film that is almost slavish to its source material, and the fans of Niven's brutally acerbic novel will find much to enjoy here (with a soundtrack mining the Britpop era no bad thing either). However, those who haven't read the book may see it as a little too extreme, a story where even the most innocent of characters hide motives and desires that make them little better than the bitter and hateful protagonist.

It may divide opinion, but *Kill Your Friends* is a dark joy to behold, and even if you feel filthy afterwards, you can't help but admire the chutzpah and bravado to bring such a story to the screen, unencumbered by any attempted atonement for what has taken place.

VERDICT: If the source material was the British *American Psycho*, then the film of *Kill Your Friends* cleaves close to the filmic adaption of Bret Easton Ellis' book. Nicholas Hoult delivers a steady, dark performance in the lead, and the film oozes black humour from start to finish. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Filth* (2013), *American Psycho* (2000).

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Porthcawl Parkinson's support

THE group meets in the Unitarian Chapel schoolroom in Nottage from 10.30am to 11am. The main meeting is the last Friday of each month, but they also meet on the second Friday for an exercise class and then a meal out.

In the September meeting Mr David Williams showed items he has made from wood, including a fruit bowl, pens and cigarette table lighters. In October Mr David Anderson gave an interesting talk with slides, on Norway and the northern lights.

All welcome; for further information call 01656 783071.

Penarth Local History Society

A TALK entitled Hanoi To Barry Island will be presented by Ron Powell 7.30pm on Thursday, November 12 (tonight) at All Saints' Church Lesser Hall Penarth. New members are always welcome.

Dinas Powys Players

DINAS Powys Players present *Steel Magnolias* at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 12, 13 and 14. For tickets, phone 02920 512868 .

Barry Councillors' surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns.

Couns Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan Wiliam, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges will be at The Community Room, The County Library, King's Square, Barry from 11am to 12 midday on Saturday, November 14. No appointment necessary.

Stamp and postcard fair

BARRY Philatelic and Postcard Society is holding its annual autumn fair on Saturday, November 14 at Highlight Community Centre (rear of Tesco, Port Road Barry) from 10am to 4:30pm.

Rhoose Bingo

A PRIZE Bingo night, suitable for all the family will take place on November 14 at Rhoose and District Social Club.

Doors open at 6pm, Eyes Down 6.30pm!

Six games of bingo; bingo tickets 50p each or a book of 6 for £2.50 – please note that space is limited.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Llantwit Major is holding a coffee morning to raise money for Bridgend Samaritans.

It will take place on Saturday, November 14 between 10.30am and 12 noon in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major. Entry includes a cake and coffee and will cost £2 per adult, £1 for children, free to children under three.

Cake Stall, tombola, Name the Teddy Bear, raffle and much more!

Christmas fayre

WICK and District Pensioners' Club are holding their Christmas fayre this Saturday, November 14 at 2pm in Wick Village Hall. Lots of exciting Christmas stalls including cakes, tombola, Christmas items, produce, books etc, and Wick Youth Club will also have a sweets, drinks and chocolate stall.

There will be a grand raffle with numerous prizes which will be drawn at 3.15pm. Admission 50p (children admitted free) to include refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Porthcawl festival

TRYSTAN Ellis-Morris will broadcast from the national Cerdd Dant festival for the sixth year running as one of S4C's presenters at Gwyl Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro 2015, on Saturday, November 14 in Porthcawl Pavilion.

Joining Trystan are Nia Roberts and Morgan Jones.

Model railway exhibition

BARRY and Penarth Model Railway Club's annual open day takes place at the Cadoxton Conservative Club (CF63 2HU) on Saturday, November 15 from 11am-4.30pm.

This is a chance to see the club's fixed layouts that don't go to exhibitions, as well as a selection of portable layouts in various scales.

Admission £3 adults, £2 children; light refreshments available and an opportunity to buy new and used model railway items from local traders.

For more information see http://www.BPMRC.org.uk, or contact BPMRC@outlook.com.

Quiz at The Bush, St Hilary

COME to QuizNite on Sunday, November 15: it's big, it's brash, it's bold and it's current! 8pm start, £1 per person.

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Choir 'taster'

BARRY Male Voice Choir will hold a 'taster evening' on Monday, November 16 at the Barry West End Club at 7.30pm.

Free legal advice

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session for over-50s on Tuesday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are worried about a legal matter other than criminal law, come along and chat to a local legal team. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Buttrills PACT

A PACT meeting will take place in Committee Room 3 at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, November 12 at 6.30pm.

A festive Nutcracker

PUPILS from local dance school, Nicola Peros Ballet are gearing up for their Christmas production.

Rehearsals are well under way for a special production of festive favourite, *The Nutcracker"*, which is being put on by pupils from the Nicola Peros Ballet School at the Memorial Hall in Barry on Sunday, December 6.

The cast is made up of young students and adults from Barry, the rest of the Vale and Cardiff who attend Nicola's ballet classes. Proceeds from the production will be used to help benefit the training of young dancers at the school.

The Nutcracker ballet is based on the story *The Nutcracker and the King of Mice* written by ETA Hoffman and set to music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Nicola teaches at St Nicholas Hall in Barry and in Cowbridge Road in Cardiff with classes for both children and adults.

For further information, visit www.nicolaperosballet.com, email info@nicolaperosballet.com or telephone 01446 721899 or 07850741136.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D904.

- **£2,000:** 583462.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £500 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 252238, 419812, 145676, 617716, 832066, 804256, 663063, 683606, 287951, 478539, 219568, 226689, 388393, 331282, 886806, 493419, 769877, 145374, 266129.
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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Dave Gorman comes to St David's Hall

IF you're the kind of person who feels that power point presentations are all too much like a day in the office or a lecture, then Dave Gorman is here to change all that.

The wonderfully innovative comedian, most recently seen in his show Modern Life Is Goodish on Dave, brings his 'Dave Gorman Gets Straight To The Point* (* The PowerPoint)' live show to Cardiff's St David's Hall on Saturday, November 28.

The all-new show promises more of his own unique blend of stand-up comedy and visual story-telling via the titular presentation method, and it promises to be an evening that tickles the funny bone as well as stimulates the brain.

Tickets are available from the box office on 029 2087 8444 or via the website at http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk/English/Dave-Gorman-28/11/15/.

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AS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON APPROACHES...

The secret of street's success!

BARRY'S West End is famed throughout south Wales for its successful shopping experience – and its numerous attractions are never more apparent than at Christmas.

Incorporating High Street, Broad Street, Market Street and Island Road, this tight-knit area of Barry is an enclave of independent businesses run by local people determined to deliver top products to valued customers.

Its popularity is such that other local shopping areas of south Wales have approached High Street traders for advice, and to find out what the secret is to its enduring appeal.

Fay Blakeley's gift-boutique Homemade Wales on Island Road promotes handcrafted Welsh products benefitting the local economy and the wider Welsh one.

'Thank you'

One thing that business owners in the West End of Barry don't do is take their clients for granted.

They work hard to create a trusting relationship with people because they know repeat business is key to a prosperous business.

Putting something back into the community is important.

The traders always host the Christmas lights event as a 'thank you' to the people of the Vale.

Bob Armstrong of Dr Bob's Balloons Unlimited, and High Street Traders, said: "This year the High Street lights switch-on will take place at approximately 6.45pm on Friday, November 27."

There is a Victorian theme to the evening and those 'best-dressed' will win a prize!

For more on what is planned please see the story on the front page this week.

On December 5, High Street will also host an Artisans' festive market.

Enthusiasm

Another vital ingredient in the area's success story is enthusiasm – which is demonstrated by Fay Blakeley, who owns Homemade Wales.

Fay is looking forward to her second Christmas on Island Road.

She has established a Welsh 'gift boutique', specialising in handcrafted items and home wares.

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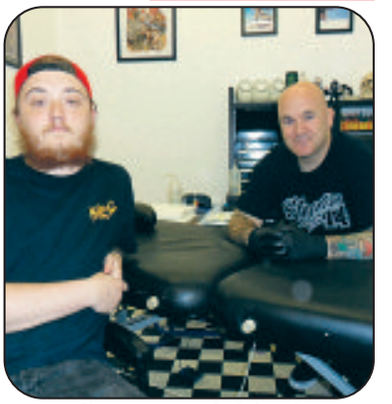

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 27th November 2015	**High Street Barry**, between Market Street and East Street	3.30pm to 9.30pm
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Bryls Boutique stocks a host of top fashion brands, including Ugg boots.

Giggles has a great selection of gifts for children that will stand the test of time.

ONE thing that baffles regular High Street customers is why people make an arduous trip to Cardiff for Christmas shopping when it's all on their doorstep!

That special gift is a lot nearer than you think.

Independent shops mean supplying something that little bit different from national chains.

Someone well-versed in sourcing top quality gifts is Nicola, the owner of Miss Holmes, which caters for all members of the family.

This year. she has excelled herself with a product that will delight the ladies.

She explained: "The Qudo collection has Swarovski crystal ring tops that you can change according to your outfit. There are matching ear-rings and pendants too. The collection is fantastic and has been great for us."

Nicola is also the only stockist of the Annie Haak jewellery collection in the Vale of Glamorgan, and stocks jewellery by Cowbridge designer Carrie Elspeth.

Miss Holmes is full of gifts that are a little bit different, and the staff will even gift wrap products – sometimes there is even branded giftwrap with a purchase.

The shop will stay open until 4pm on Christmas Eve which falls on a Thursday this year.

At Giggles Toy Shop, owner Jill has a wonderful collection of high quality, traditional toys – and sharing the space is Photo Art, run by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

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Service with a smile...

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Fay said: "All the stock is crafted in Wales and made by hand."

Fay's aim is for her gifts to be 'a little less ordinary'.

"I have suppliers in Pembrokeshire, Aberystwyth, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Cardiff, Carmarthen, Conwy, Dinas Powys and Barry.

"The feedback I've been getting has been lovely and customers are very loyal also."

At the moment, Welsh tweed scarves and ceramics are "flying out".

It seems astonishing, but elsewhere in chain shops, people can buy a product relating to a particular country or tourist area, and it might be mass produced in another country thousands of miles away.

Fay's business benefits the local economy and Welsh crafts people, too.

Successful shopping areas need new blood – and directly across the road from Homemade Wales is a new arrival.

Studio 14 is a tattooing artwork and art -based business. Stubob and Beanie are ready to deliver art to your body and other artworks.

Stubob said: "I was on Holton Road for a year and moved here in May. The local people and shop owners have been very welcoming.

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"Ninety per cent of what we create is original artwork."

The best way of contacting Studio 14 on Island Road is to send a message via Facebook or Instagram and they will get back to you.

(As Stubob explained, "it's difficult to break off from an artwork in progress").

So there you have the perfect recipe for a great shopping experience: good products, valuing your customers, not taking them for granted, giving something back to the community, enthusiasm, welcoming new businesses, providing friendship – and, of course, lots of hard work!

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Ideal place to pick up a present!

Butterflies 'Christmas Shop' brings the festive season alive!

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Giggles has lots of items that as Jill says "will last a long time" – wooden toys, bilingual books and Welsh books. There are also English and Welsh cards, posters, Teddies, cuddly toys and reusable sticker books.

One of the most popular products, for the creative child, is the Discovery Space Centre by Hape.

Giggles also contains the Photo Art gallery.

Barbra explained: "The gallery features photographs taken by myself – a lot of local scenes and some of other destinations in the UK and abroad, such as Italy and France."

Barbra's photographs of Italy have proved very popular – and bear in mind that there are lots of familiar local images if a loved-one would like a reminder of something in the Vale.

A few yards further down High Street, is Bryls Boutique. Refurbished in the summer, it stocks the latest ladieswear, coats, jewellery, watches and handbags.

Ann, the owner, and her staff always provide customers with a warm welcome and good advice.

One of the most popular brands is the classic Ugg boots, but there are other top names too including Estella Bartlett, French Connection, Great Plains, Joules, Darling, Sandwich, Masai, and Yaya.

If you want more information on Bryls Boutique, there is a Facebook page. The boutique will be open on Christmas Eve.

Butterflies has an extraordinary range of Christmas gifts and products and its decorated Christmas shop upstairs is a sight to behold – a true Aladdin's cave of festive products.

Butterflies is long known for its popular Yankee Candles, but there is so much more – jewellery, soaps, ornaments, festive garlands and wreaths.

The staff will make up gift hampers which start at £10.

If you are looking for a beauty treatment in the lead-up to Christmas or for a staff party, The Beauty Clinic at 43 High Street has a great reputation for delivering high quality treatments by highly trained and qualified beauticians.

It specialises in all aspects of beauty treatments including waxing, nail extensions and facials. To book an appointment, call 01446 743222. The Beauty Clinic will be open on Christmas Eve.

Bob Armstrong, of High Street Traders, said: "We have two new companies at the top end of High Street and I hope they will receive a warm welcome – Aspirations UK and The Smelly Shop."

Aspirations UK is owned by Debbie and Glyn Burton-Slocombe.

The store has a choice of home accessories that can transform your home and furniture gifts.

Debbie explained: "We moved in 11 days ago. We used to be in Vere Street and wanted to come to High Street originally, but there was nothing available."

Glyn added: "We also sell a great product, Frenchic furniture paint. You can paint anything with it – furniture, glass, PVC, materials, items outdoors."

Debbie and Glyn will also be holding painting classes to advise people on techniques for applying paints to furniture and other items.

Nearby, The Smelly Shop smells wonderful! The shop, jointly owned by Emma and Ceri, opened at 100 High Street on October 3.

Emma said: "We do handcrafted soaps and bath bombs, home fragrance soya bean candles, gift sets and home accessories."

The ladies will make up gift hampers – just the thing a wife or girlfriend would love for Christmas.

So take a stroll along Broad Street, Market Street, Island Road and High Street this Christmas – there's a gift or service for everyone, and you can be guaranteed that extra special customer service.

Nina Estate Agents would like to wish all customers a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

At Miss Holmes, Nicola is stocking the Qudo collection – Swarovski crystal ring tops that clients can change according to their outfit. There are matching ear-rings and pendants, too.

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Last orders!

Tony Hopkins of popular local butchers Vic Hopkins & Son, told The GEM: "We've got our Christmas order forms ready, so customers can pop in and pick one up. To enable us to process their festive order in time, they need to fill out the form and hand it back in with a £10 deposit by Wednesday, December 16." For more information, tel 01446 735265.

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A new start for a popular local fashion business

LEFT: Jane James of Jade Boutique, moved from the corner of Island Road and High Street the short distance to 89 High Street.

Jane, who sells stylish designer clothing, handbags and jewellery, said:

"I have been open on Broad Street, Island Road and High Street for 31 years in total.

"We moved to 89 High Street in June and had a great opening day.

"I'd like to wish all my customers a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year."

...And Jane's star buy this autumn season? Classic Frank Lyman dresses.

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The Retreat stocks the luxurious Decleor range.

THE Retreat on High Street is aptly named – a place of relaxation, where the aim is 'holistic' – dealing with the whole 'you'.

The owner Kimberley explained: "We offer an escape from the stresses of everyday life. Our approach is holistic rather than just beauty, treating the whole person, mind, body and soul.

"We specialise in relaxing facials and massages."

There are a number of different massages available, including warm bamboo massage, hot stone massage, pregnancy massage. Kimberley also provides Decleor facials – she's the only stockist in the Vale. Another popular treatment is crystal healing.

She will be open on Christmas Eve.

You can either ring 01446 677430 for an appointment, or pop in between 10am and 2pm and make one with the receptionist.

MEMORABLE GIFTS AT PHOTO ART GALLERY

Photo Art, located in Giggles store, has top quality photographs from home and abroad by Barbra Archdale-Smith that would make memorable Christmas gifts.

Looking back at last year's lights switch-on!

Last year, GEM photographer Glyn Evans captured the excitement as crowds gathered in High Street for the Christmas lights switch-on.

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Survivor gives harrowing account of the Holocaust

Holocaust survivor Janine Webber, pictured St Clare's, pupils in Porthcawl.

STAFF and pupils at a Porthcawl school were moved to tears as 83-year-old Janine Webber, from the Holocaust Educational Trust, told how she survived the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust.

English teacher Kelly Burns had arranged the visit for years-8 and 9 students at St Clare's who are studying the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* in English and the Holocaust in history. GCSE and A-Level history students also attended the presentation.

Janine was born in Poland in 1932 and when Germany invaded the USSR, her family had to flee, taking only one suitcase with them.

The whole family had to share one room in a house and Janine's parents dug a hole under a wardrobe where Janine, her mother and brother could hide safely during a German raid.

Sadly, Janine's father was killed and her uncle and cousin deported to an extermination camp. Janine and her seven-year-old brother were sent to live with a Polish family, but they were betrayed to an officer of the SS.

Her little brother was killed, but she escaped.

Janine survived the war and then moved to Paris, moving to England in 1956 where she met and married her husband.

They had two sons and grandsons. Today, she still lives in London and regularly shares her testimony with schools.

St Clare's pupils raised £280.30 for the Holocaust Centre in London by having a non-uniform day.

BRIDGEND COUNCIL ASKS THE PUBLIC... *Should Blue Badge holders park for free?*

BCBC is inviting views on whether Blue Badge holders should continue to be entitled to park for free in all council-run car parks where other users have to pay.

The council has begun a public consultation on the matter, and local residents can have their say at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation and comment by Monday, December 7.

Cabinet member for communities, Coun Hywel Williams, said: "The Blue Badge scheme enables drivers or passengers with severe mobility problems to park close to where they need to go.

The scheme is operated slightly differently, depending on where you are in the UK, but here we currently allow badge holders to park free of charge in all council-run car parks.

"We would like to gather opinion on whether this concession should continue. The proposal that we are considering is to offer Blue Badge drivers an hour free of charge on top of the time they pay for at all off-street council-run car parks.

"We have already carried out an informal consultation with local ward members, town and community councils, emergency services, transport services and the Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People, and would now like to extend that consultation to other residents too."

In Bridgend county borough, there are reserved spaces for Blue Badge holders in off-street car parks in convenient locations, as well as on-street parking provision in town centre locations.

A shopmobility scheme is also operated in Bridgend town centre that enables people with walking difficulties to get about more easily.

Blue Badge holders can also park on double yellow lines for up to three hours, as long as they are not causing an obstruction, while BCBC follows national guidance over the proportion of disabled parking spaces allocated in any new car parks.

To comment on theproposed changes to Blue Badge parking, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation. The consultation closes on Monday, December 7.

Father Christmas and his reindeer set for High Street

by GEM REPORTER

THE traditional High Street Christmas event draws thousands of excited children, along with their Mums and Dads, to Barry each year and the details of what is planned for this year have just been announced.

Bob Armstrong of High Street Traders, said: "This year, the High Street lights switch-on will take place at approximately 6.45pm on Friday, November 27.

"We've got lots planned. We've run a competition with local schools to design a Christmas light which will make up part of our display.

"A judging panel including me, the mayor and a councillor will decide who has won and the winner will help with the official switch-on."

There will be lots of entertainment and attractions on the night.

"We have got two school choirs, Barry Male Voice Choir, the Salvation Army Band, and Pukka Productions performing on the night.

"Bro Radio will be broadcasting and we are currently discussing the possibility of fairground rides with the Danter family."

And will Father Christmas be making an appearance?

Bob said: "Yes, local children will see Santa, his reindeer and sleigh. They'll even get a chance to sit in the sleigh and have their picture taken."

There is a Victorian theme to the evening and those 'best-dressed' will win a prize.

Many High Street businesses will have outdoor stalls on the evening.

There will be road closures on the day, so keep an eye out in The GEM for more details soon.

Santa Paws will lead Trust's festive fayre!

NIYA AND KAI.

DOGS Trust Bridgend is decking the halls in preparation for its Christmas fayre on Sunday, November 29.

Taking place at Action Petz Bridgend, Brynmenyn industrial estate from 11am – 3pm, the festive event promises fun for all the family, including four-legged-friends. Entry to the fayre is £2 per adult, with children and dogs going free and parking is free.

The highlight of the day will be Santa Paws in his grotto with gifts for children and dogs, as well as a grand raffle, tombolas, bouncy castle, Christmas crafts and cards galore.

There will be the opportunity to pick up some stocking fillers with plenty of Dogs Trust merchandise for sale on the day. Dog school trainers will also be on hand with advice on training skills.

Dogs Trust Bridgend is also appealing for donations of tombola and raffle prizes and clean cuddly toys to be brought to the rehoming centre by November 20, to help with fundraising.

Linda Feagan, Rehoming Centre Supporter Relations Officer at Dogs Trust Bridgend says: "Our Christmas fayre is always a highlight of our calendar and this year promises to be another great day out for the whole family.

With all proceeds of items sold going towards the care of our dogs at the centre, while they await new homes, it's a wonderful way to raise pounds for hounds and give back this Christmas."

For more information, call Linda on 01656 728923, or email: linda.feagan@dogstrust.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA?

NFU Cymru meeting

NFU CYMRU Assembly adviser Huw Thomas will address the next Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm with an outlook from Huw Thomas on the political landscape, covering the forthcoming National Assembly election and the EU referendum.

Huw is the point of contact between NFU Cymru and elected members of the National Assembly for Wales.

The meeting is open to all members; for further information, email sarah.jones@nfu.org.uk or telephone: 01982 554200.

National Trust

THE local November meeting will be held at 7.30pm on November 18 at The Duke of Wellington, when Mrs Rosemary Chaloner will talk on 'Angels in the Line of Fire'.

New members are welcome.

Bric-a-brac sale

A SALE in aid of The Brooke will take place on Saturday, November 21 at Bonvilston reading room; doors open from 10.15am -11.45am.

There will be household items, homemade goods, a Christmas stand, and coffee and tea for sale.

Zumba class

ARE you looking to get into shape for Christmas? Would you like to feel a bit fitter?

Come along to KPC Youth Centre, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend CF33 6AB on a Tuesday morning from 9.15am – 10.15am for an exercise/Zumba class.

All levels of ability welcome. (There are also limited crèche spaces at SPLICE – these would need to be pre-booked with KPC before the session – telephone Alison 749219.)

Entry is free, but a voluntary contribution towards the session is appreciated. For more information or to book a place call 01656 749219/745399; limited to 20 places per session.

Art society display

COWBRIDGE Art Society holds its annual Christmas exhibition from November 9 to December 3 at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, where members' work is for sale at reasonable prices. For opening times, telephone 01446 773831.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm; visitors and new members are most welcome. *Visit www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.*

World War One Quilts

LOOK out for a colourful display of handmade quilts by the Cutting Edge Textile Group, from November 3 – 15 in shop windows on Cowbridge High Street.

You will see them in Beauty Within, Costa Coffee, David Barnes Dry Cleaners, The Barbers Cowbridge and Ty Hafan charity shop.

For more information on the Cutting Edge Textile Group look at //cuttingedgetextiles.wordpress.com.

A Mediterranean evening in St Hilary

On Saturday, November 21 join in a dazzling Mediterranean dinner, including a sparkling array of dishes, and experience exciting flavours – without having to cross the Channel!

Tickets £15, bar available. To book, or for more information, contact Liz Loch on 624351, or 07747 688219

Great Gatsby Ball raises over £26,000 for Ty Hafan hospice

Flapper Girls: The Tŷ Hafan events team transported St David's Hotel back to the roaring twenties.

CHAMPAGNE flowed, music played and jewels dazzled as Cardiff Bay was transported back to the roaring twenties for the Tŷ Hafan Great Gatsby Ball.

Two hundred guests partied the night away until the early hours at the lavishly-themed black tie event at St David's Hotel and Spa in Cardiff Bay, to raise tens of thousands of pounds to help children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

As mum Bridget James delivered a powerful speech about her experience caring for her five-year-old daughter Elain, who has a rare heart condition, she presented a surprise £4,000 cheque to thank staff at the Sully-based hospice, bringing the total for her fundraising activities to £25,000.

"Elain loves Tŷ Hafan. They are a lifeline for us and help us create special memories which we'll cherish forever," said Bridget. "We are able to relax at Tŷ Hafan and do the normal things that other families may take for granted. It can be difficult at times, but knowing that Tŷ Hafan is there for us is such a comfort.

"We would like to thank Tŷ Hafan for all they do for us and are so grateful they are with us on our journey.

"One thing I do know is that I am going to bed tonight absolutely sure that I was put on this earth to be Elain's mummy. Despite all the heartache it has brought, the overwhelming feelings of love, protection and pride counteract the pain ten times over.

"As much as I complain that my life has been turned upside down in the last five years, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat for my girl, my Elain, my family. Today my love for Elain is stronger than ever."

Sponsored by Bartholomew Hawkins, the event was hosted by Paralympian Mark Colbourne MBE and attended by representatives from Cardiff City Football Club, Arriva Trains Wales, Hugh James, Blake Morgan and Golley Slater among many more.

Raising more than £26,000 for Tŷ Hafan on the night, the Gatsby Ball also included a casino and auction, with prizes ranging from a tour of the Aston Martin factory as part of the James Bond package to a week's holiday in Majorca and Mediterranean cruise for two.

Many guests took to Twitter to show their support, both during and after the event.

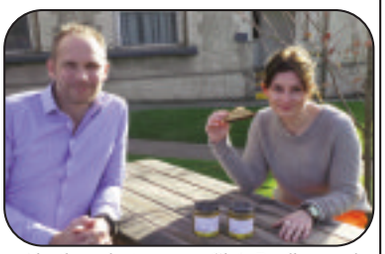
Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies tweeted: 'Fantastic evening last night in support of @tyhafan and the #GatsbyBall. Humbling to see such fundraising for a thoroughly deserving cause.'

Voices For Change added: 'We're very excited to be at the @tyhafan #GatsbyBall tonight! An amazing night for an incredible charity.'

PR director Alastair Milburn tweeted: 'Really good atmosphere at @tyhafan's #gatsbyball – with great friends at @C_S_Group.'

CATHERINE EVANS

FIRST HONEY HARVEST AT ABERTHAW!



Aberthaw plant manager Chris Bradbury and environmental coordinator Kara Bennett enjoy some of the fruits of their honey bee labours.

COLLEAGUES at Tarmac's Aberthaw cement plant have had a first honey harvest from their onsite bee hives which has turned out to be a great success.

Local beekeepers, Luke and Stephen Fraser, who are helping the cement team with their new bee venture of nine bee hives installed at the onsite quarry, delivered the first honey yield along with the good news that the cement plant bees love their new home.

Luke said: "We have been very lucky with our honey production this year, which has been a notably unproductive year for honey bees. But our bees are bucking this trend and we have been able to sustainably harvest 50 jars of honey from the Aberthaw Quarry bees, which is quite something.

"Other bee keepers are reporting equivalent harvests of around 10 jars, so our bees must be happy in their new home to be doing this well."

The main concern for the bees at this time of year is wasps trying to invade the bee hives to raid the honey stocks. The first frost will kill the wasps while the honey bees will survive, but until then the bees are at risk.

To help avoid a wasp attack, Luke and Stephen have narrowed the entrance holes to the Aberthaw bee hives, in an effort to discourage the wasps.

Aberthaw Cement Plant environmental coordinator Kara Bennett said: "We are very grateful to the Frasers for helping us to learn more about bees and to be taking such great care of them. Next year, we will be inviting local schoolchildren to site to see our bees and learn more about them, and how important they are in the ecosystem."

The Aberthaw bees started as five hives and have now become nine hives – with each colony having about 10,000 bees.

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Songs, Stories and Music...

Robin and Bina Williamson.

LEGENDARY musician/story teller Robin Williamson and wife Bina will be displaying their unique talent at the Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff, on Thursday, December 10 at 8pm.

They will perform a programme of original and traditional, magical and mystical songs, stories and music, garnered over Robin's 50-year musical career.

Robin is renowned worldwide as a peerless musician, writer, and storyteller, while Bina is also a gifted singer-songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist in her own right with a hauntingly sweet, melodious voice.

The music has been described by Robert Plant as "pure beauty through simplicity".

Their soulful concerts feature east-west harmonies with harp, bowed psaltery and various other instruments.

Pharmacies can help make your life easier

THERE are around 13,000 community pharmacies across the UK, so for most people, there's one close by.

They provide rapid access, without appointment, to a healthcare professional and now offer a range of clinical and public health services.

As qualified healthcare professionals, they are able to deal with a wide range of ailments, as well as offering advice on maintaining and improving your health. They also know when to refer to another health care professional.

It is their job to help you get the most out of your medicines and treatments. Pharmacists now offer personalised medicines advice; help to quit smoking; treatment of minor ailments; advice on preventing disease; advice on sexual health including, emergency hormonal contraception; and disposal of unwanted medicines.

In one of the newest services, Discharge Medicine Reviews, pharmacists check you have been given the correct medication on discharge from hospital.

This is proving to be a very useful service and pharmacies recommend that patients let them know if they have been recently discharged from hospital and bring in a copy of their medicine discharge sheet.

It has never been easier to order repeat medication, either popping into the pharmacy, or calling to order over the phone. We will liaise with the doctor's surgery to get everything ready for you.

Free delivery of medicines can be arranged if you have trouble getting to a pharmacy to collect your medicines.

It is well worth checking with a local pharmacy, to see if we could help, before going to a GP or even A&E. The pharmacy will always advise you if you do need the GP or A&E service, but often it can sort your problems out for you instantly.

So don't hesitate, come and see us in your local pharmacy and ask us about the range of services we offer. We are always looking to make your life easier.

KATE THOMAS,
pharmacist at Sylvia Williams Chemist, Cowbridge.

Hokkei in the Classroom to help put charity on course!

ABOVE; Larkin Cen, co-founder of Hokkei, and Steve Hughes, group finance director at Principality with cooking students from Cardiff and Vale College.

THE Principality Building Society, Cardiff and Vale College and Hokkei have joined forces to put on 'Hokkei in the Classroom', an evening of festive fun and innovative Asian cooking – all in aid of mental health charity Mind Cymru.

Using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, students from CAVC serve a special three-course meal for 70 guests, with the help of Larkin Cen (MasterChef finalist and Hokkei co-founder) and his team.

All profits from the event will go to Mind Cymru, Principality's charity of the year.

Kay Martin, Deputy Principal at Cardiff and Vale College, said: "We are thrilled to be working with Principality and Hokkei on this unique event for Mind Cymru.

Not only will it raise funds for an important community cause, it will also be a wonderful experience for our learners to work with Larkin Cen."

Hokkei in the Classroom will be held on December 3 from 7pm at The Classroom, Cardiff and Vale College City Campus in Dumballs Road, Cardiff. Tickets are £40 and are limited to a capacity of 70 people.

Visit www.hokkeiinthe classroom.eventbrite.co.uk or www.mind.org.uk.

Health topic session at Senior Health Shop

DO you have chronic fatigue syndrome, fybromyalgia or myalgic encephalomelitis? Do you look after someone who suffers from any of these conditions?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic session where you can talk to an adviser from MESIG on help and support that is available at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Model boat club lights up Cold Knap Lake

FORMED in March this year, the Vale of Glamorgan Model Boat Club has quickly grown in size to 40 registered members, ranging in age from 16 to 80 years old, but still awaiting our first lady member, come on ladies!

The club normally sails on at Cold Knap Lake, Barry, on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm, but last week with the darker winter nights drawing in decided on holding a 'Night Sail' with an array of ships' navigation lights illuminating the still waters.

With some 16 members attending, a fun night was had and the support from members families and friends made for a warm atmosphere.

Club members Ken Thompson and Andy Phelps certainly had no problems being seen on this dark night, arriving lakeside with their trilby hats and glasses ablaze with lights – anyone visited Blackpool recently? Try the lights on the boats next time,lads!

Impressive on the water was Kevin M's tugboat *Portgarth* and with the background lights around the lake it made for a good photo opportunity as can be seen here, at first glance, real or model?

So a good night was had by all attending, and we must say thank you to our very own 'club godmother' Dee Mollart of Llantwit Major, who kindly supplies our members with a regular weekly supply of biscuits – the tea is yet to come!

Why not pop down and visit us on the lake, visit www.vgmbc.org, or phone 07790 590714 for more information. Happy sailing!

Rob McCann

Dutch will provide stern test for Wales

IF you had imagined a scenario two years ago where Wales were playing a friendly against the Netherlands post-Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, and the former had made it to the tournament while the latter had failed ignominiously to qualify, then your sanity may have been questioned.

At that stage the Netherlands were riding high on the post-World Cup euphoria that had seen them finish third in the tournament, having beaten holders Spain 5-1 en route.

Louis Van Gaal, who had masterminded the Dutch ascent to near-glory, left for the Manchester United job soon after – and his replacement, Danny Blind, has since overseen a dramatic slump in their fortunes.

Meanwhile, Wales had come out of the World Cup qualifying disappointed, finishing fifth in a group of six, behind Scotland and Serbia, with eyes on the European Championship qualifiers – which, as we all know, went rather well!

As Chris Coleman's men (shorn of key players Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey, Hal Robson-Kanu and the quietly-impressive Jazz Richards) prepare to welcome the Netherlands to the Cardiff City Stadium on Friday, there is no doubt that the wounded Dutch will be a stern test for what is arguably a weakened Welsh side.

However, it is exciting to see how Wales, without their 'name' talent, fare in what is a strong test of their strength in depth.

It provides an opportunity for other players to step up and take on responsibility, and a good result will give the players an extra boost that they have, even when not at full-strength, the ability to match the big teams.

GARETH JAMIESON

Under-12s overcome a daunting test...

FOLLOWING recent improvements in performances and results, Cowbridge under-12s faced a daunting trip to face Pontypool Utd with a squad of only 15 and no reserves.

On a foggy Gwent morning, the boys dispensed with their usual slow start and got in their opponents' faces from the off.

Aggressive defence from the excellent back row trio of Ifor Rees, Ollie Jones and Robbie Brown forced Pontypool deep into their own 22 and a handling error allowed Ruben Davies to pounce for an opportunistic opening score, with Harry Treharne adding the extras.

With confidence high, the forwards winning quick ruck ball, and Archie Lloyd's lightning slick service feeding the backs, James Jones made a strong half-break and offloaded to Ruben Davies who burned away the defence from distance to score under the posts, Treharne again on target with the conversion.

With half-time approaching, more good work from Harry set Ruben clear for another crowd-pleaser to make the score 19-0 to the visitors.

Despite the technical superiority of hooker Fin Ball, the much larger Pooler pack were making life uncomfortable in the set piece and were efficient carrying around the fringes, but the front five, with Tom Brennan and Rhys Ford to the fore, were able to compete and spoil their opponents' ball near their try line.

Just before the break, the first handling error of the day with a greasy ball saw Pooler hack the ball through for a try which their committed performance deserved. The half-time score was Pontypool Utd 5, Cowbridge 19.

The second half saw the home side tighten up the game putting Cowbridge under sustained pressure and managed an early try to close the gap to nine points.

With props Lewys Robins and Bash Johns-Powell gaining parity in the scrum and carrying well, frustrations for the hosts boiled over and following some handbags Brennan and the feisty Pooler hooker were given a lecture by the referee.

From the resulting scrum, the ball was spread wide in exemplary fashion allowing Ruben to float out a beautiful pass to Finlay Brace, who weaved his way for the score of the day from fully 55 metres.

With the game in its dying minutes a committed Pooler side refused to give an inch and pounded the Cowbridge line.

With Brown yet again at his destructive tackling best, superb cover defence by Finlay Sullivan and with full-back Harris tackling and jackaling, the defensive line stood firm and the game was won. Full time score Pontypool Utd 10, Cowbridge 24.

This was the squad's best performance of the season against a physical and well drilled outfit. Every player deserves great credit for their commitment and performance.

With the district champions St Peters up next, the boys know that only more of the same will do if they want to keep their winning run going.

Great thanks to the parents for their efforts in travelling so far, so early, in such fog on a Sunday morning!

Squad: Lewys Robins, Finlay Ball, Sebastian Johns-Powell, Tom Brennan, Rhys Ford, Oliver Jones, Ifor Rees, Robbie Brown; Archie Lloyd, Harry Treharne; Finlay Brace, James Jones, Ruben Davies, Finlay Sullivan, Will Harris.

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Cowbridge darts round-up

ON Tuesday November 3, the Edmondes Arms and the Six Bells Inn hosted the first rounds of the mixed doubles.

Teams making it into the semi-finals to be played on Tuesday, November 24, at the Edmondes Arms, were Joan Burt, Alun Evans and John Izzard (Old Post Ladies/Hare & Hounds), Pam Adams, Tony Fox and Owen Carter (Farmers Arms), Maureen Fleming, Nigel Thomas and Rob Jones (Farmers Arms) and Noyle Burt and Daisy Repke (Edmondes C).

In winning her match with Noyle, Daisy set the new highest ladies three-darts-out this season, hitting an 81.

Present league standings, after five league weeks, are: Edmondes B (29 points), Farmers Arms (25), Highwayman Inn (23), Edmondes C (23), Edmondes A (22), Llanharry (20), Six Bells Inn (17), Hare & Hounds (13) and Old Post Ladies (8).

On Tuesday November 17, there is another full programme of league matches.

The Hare & Hounds hosts Llanharry, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondes B, the Old Post Ladies hosts the Six Bells Inn and the Edmondes A hosts the Farmers Arms. The Edmondes C do not have a game.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

CRICKET CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER A LOVELY EVENING!

ON Friday last, Cowbridge Cricket Club held its annual dinner at the Athletic Club with over 80 members, guests and friends sitting down to a four course meal provided by Andy Tucker Outside Catering Company.

The guest list comprised Glan Williams, former physical education teacher at Cowbridge School and representing Barry Cricket Club, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary; Tim Williams, our groundsman who provides a picture postcard playing field each weekend; John Griffiths, the chairman of the rugby club; Richard Green, owner of Abbey Glass, who is our principle sponsor; Peter Hybart, the chief executive of Cricket Wales; and guest speaker Graham Price MBE, the former Wales and Lions prop.

The evening started with our president Jeff Bird remembering and naming those players of the club that lost their lives in the two World Wars.

This was followed by a little entertainment of heads and tails quiz on facts and figures of our season and Graham's career, which was won by Sam Russell, who was our youngest member present.

Awards were given out to the following recipients:

Player of the year: 1st XI - Neil Brand, 966 runs averaging 80.5 per game and 50 wickets. Neil also received the best batsman and bowler of the South Wales Cricket Association Leagues in their annual dinner.

Second XI player of the year – Rob Thomas – top scorer. Young player of the year – Sam Russell; at 14 years old Sam played in all first team games.

The Ben Wright Trophy for club, county and beyond went to Robbie Brown, a Welsh international at the under-11 age group. Peter Finucane 'Catch It' award went to Joe Russell for a memorable catch at backward point.

Club person of the year, on or off the field, went to Chris Willey who played in all first XI matches and T20 games; he has been a loyal servant on the field over the years.

In the chairman's speech, Hugh Williams congratulated the first XI on their promotion to the First Division of the S.W.C.A. league next year.

He read out a letter sent from Neil Brand, the captain, who could not be present on the evening; his contribution was immense but was ably supported by Tom Merilaht (over 500 runs and 30 wickets) and Mike Lloyd (over 400 runs).

It was also good to see a full season by youngsters Matt Keating, Sam and Joe Russell and Rian Thomas in the first XI.

He congratulated stalwarts Ian Evans, Rob Thomas and Jonty Webb for their efforts in keeping the second XI in the Fifth Division and the inclusion of young Cai Owen in the side.

The club also won the 1840 match against Bridgend by four wickets due mainly to an innings of 120 not out by Michael Lloyd, ably supported by Ed Lewis.

The midweek T20 team fulfilled its fixtures with mixed results, having given youngsters the chance to play senior cricket.

Hugh complimented the work of junior co-ordinator Sarah Russell, and coaches and parents for all their hard work in fulfilling their fixtures in the five age groups of the Cardiff & Vale Junior League.

He congratulated the achievements of three youngsters, Robbie Brown and Alice Philips of the under-11 Bears team, and Sian Russell of the under-13s for gaining their international caps.

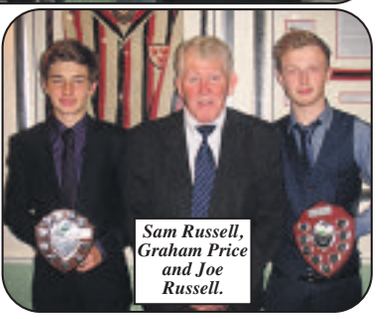
He also set out objectives for next season - the need to recruit new players who will play a full season of cricket and bring on the youngsters into senior cricket as too many players drop out after the under-15 age group.

He welcomed the former Glamorgan player Ben Wright, returning to his local club for next season.

He also highlighted the need to strengthen the numbers on the committee to spread the workload, but he thanked their effort and hard work over this year, especially Ian Evans and Jonathan Smart with team selection.

Also, the set-up of a junior section committee was mentioned, as a meeting is set up at 8pm on Thursday, November 12, at the club for this purpose, and also to raise funds for new matting in the net area.

He concluded by thanking all present for their support and hoped to see them all next year.



Sam Russell, Graham Price and Joe Russell.

The climax of the evening was a witty and interesting account by Graham Price, our guest speaker about his playing career with the famous Pontypool front row and coach Ray Prosser, his life with the Welsh team in which he gained 41 caps, and touring on three Lions tours where he gained 12 consecutive caps.

He also answered questions from the floor with great insight into rugby as it was played in the 'old days'. Graham also presented the club with one of his Lions jerseys in order to raise funds.

A raffle was held on the evening and we thank everyone responsible for the various donations.

The Welsh secretary of the MCC, Matthew Smart, presented our president with a plaque to commemorate the cricket club's 175th year which was also honoured by a match in the summer.

A good night was had by all, with the club looking to welcome new members.

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ANCIENT AND MANLY GAME THAT DREW THOUSANDS TO VALE Will the Bando Boys be back?

by Brian Keitch

CONTINUING the theme of local traditions in the Vale, 150 years ago, the game on the Fro was Bando.

Bando was played all over the Vale and is closely related to Shinty. Bando was so-named because of the shape of the Bando stick – a bit like a hockey stick.

The Bando stick (an example resides in the National Folk Museum of Wales at St Fagan's, Cardiff) was made of oak, ash or elm.

Such was the enthusiasm with which communities took up the sport that Rhys Thomas (a Cowbridge printer) recorded in a letter that the countryside between Bridgend and Pyle was "rendered barren of ash or elm by the use of those woods for the making of Bando sticks".

Among the fierce rivalries of the sport were Baglan, Aberafan, and Margam who battled away on the Margam sands, and any other suitable flat field in the Vale against teams from Pyle, Kenfig and Llangynwyd.

It is recorded that teams sometimes played up to three times a week and as many as 3,000 spectators would assemble to cheer their side on.

Another attraction was the rolling of barrels of beer to the site of the match. A 'Brenin' (King) would duly act as referee and see to the dispensation of Cwrw Da (best Welsh ale) to the amassing hoards.

The players decked themselves in favours (armbands with the adopted colour of the community). Llantwit Major regarded themselves as the champions of the Vale. Charles Redwood in his book *The Vale of Glamorgan (1839)* gives a brilliant account of such a match in the chapter 'The Bandy Match' – which gives a good idea of the atmosphere!

"Bandy is the prime game here, and in the opinion of our rustics leads to highest of all distinctions. Prodigious is the jealousy and heartburning which a rivalry in it produces between two parishes; and then, to decide their pretensions, they repair to the sea-shore sands, where twenty or thirty players engage on each side, and multitudes of spectators and partisans, too, often mingle in the contest.

"The famous parish of Llantwit had long tossed its head exceedingly hoity-toitily among the neighbouring villages, and carried everything with a high hand. At all fairs and mabsants (saints' days) the Llantwit roisterers swaggered it proudly, as who should say, 'Who but they?' until at length another parish, that could ill brook all this hectoring, challenged them to a match at Bando. To be sure, with what vapouring the Llantwit folks deigned to accept the challenge! They talked as tough no parish was fit to contend with them, but all ought to submit in quiet to their huffing.

"Players practised daily, interest deepened and when the day came all the Vale flocked down to the seashore. A loud shout was raised by the partisans of each side as the players came forward, with distinguishing favours on their left arms and their bandies with their right.

"Long and doubtful was the contest, and various were the chances of the game. Many of the younger men soon exhausted their wind and strength; some were disabled by luckless falls and at length the weight of the context fell on a challenger and a Methodist. The fleet Methodist was foremost, but searched in vain for the ball (amongst the crowds) – for the virago wife of the challenger straddled over and concealed it with her petticoat until her dapper spouse came panting up. But the Methodist's mother, an outrageous termagant, saw the fraud, and fell, with loud execrations, upon the study wife.

"However, the ball was carried off by the challenger, pursued by his fleet opponent. Dire is the contest between them. The challenger strives to secure the game, the Methodist to rescue it. They are again straining to reach the ball – the fleet Methodist close after and striving to pass his opponent.

"And he does pass: but the challenger stretches and trips up his heel, and the impetuous Methodist plows the sand with a headlong fall, amid shouts and peel from tall cliff to another far along the shore."

Phew! Quite a match! Bando started early in age. According to Edward Matthew of Ewenni, "no-one above a 12 month would be seen without a bando stick."

Despite the appearance of chaos that prevailed there were certain rules to be adhered to – an agreed number of players – usually between 20 or 30 – a pitch which measured about 200 yards in length and goal markers about ten yards apart. The width of the playing field was of less concern.

Apart from lashing of Cwrw Da, the winning Bando Boys might expect a bottle of brandy (maybe pilfered from a wreck along the coast?).

It seems that Bando was for everyone, regardless of status. Theodore Talbot was captain of the Margam Bando Boys (of Port Talbot fame); preachers got into the act such as John Elias and another devotee to the sport was none other than David Lloyd George.

As a rule, the team that scored the first goal won, which meant a game could be over in minutes or lasted hours. For the record, an example of the songs that accompanied the teams 'into battle' was this macaronic (a mixture of two dialects or languages – here clearly between Welsh and English) song called the Margam Bando Boys (first three verses):

Due praises I'll bestow, And all the world shall know; That Margam valour shall keep its' colour; When Kenfigs waters flow!

Our master, straight and tall; Is foremost with the ball; He is, we know it, and must allow it; The fastest man of all!

Let cricket players blame; And seek to slight our fame: Their bat and wicket caqn never lick it; This Ancient Many Game!

With industrialisation and an influx of people from outside the Vale, and not least the rocketing popularity of rugby football, the 'Ancient Many Game' quietly faded away – as did the Mabsant and many local fairs.

However, a revival was attempted some 30 years or so ago when a Bando match was played at the Plough and Harrow Inn in Monknash.

Dinas Powys took the match and a further game was played on Dinas Powys Common, as part of the Dinas Powys Mabsant in 1979. However, the last laugh – so far – belongs to the Cogan Bando Boys who in turn beat the Dinas Powys Bando Boys in a fixture as part of the Penarth Holiday (now summer) Festival in 1980 by a staggering six goals to nil.

So until there is a challenge from another village (or team), the Cogan Bando Boys remain champions of the Vale.

My suggestion is that maybe our own Vale of Glamorgan Ancient Manly Game is due to make a return at some festival or other.

I would be most interested to hear from GEM readers if there are any 'Manly Souls' out there who will, once again pick up a Bando stick and go into battle in fields and beaches of our locality.

Curiously, after such a long lapse in the sport you still hear the nickname Dai Bando from time to time!

Calling all Goedgedacht alumni!

INGRID IS IN WALES!

GOEDGEDACHT is a farm in the Western Cape of South Africa, where hundreds of Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils and teachers have had their lives touched after a visit.

Goedgedacht means 'Good Hope' and hope is given to thousands of children by the charity which is run from the olive farm, reaching out into the local communities to provide education support, food, clothing and health checks.

One of the trustees of the Goedgedacht Trust is the inspirational Ingrid Lestrade; a pocket dynamo of a woman, dressed in green with a camera around her neck and a face-splitting smile lighting up her face.

Ingrid has boundless energy and a vision for the children of the Western Cape to be self-sufficient, educated young people who have the choice in their lives that their parents did not have.

Obviously, this takes time and money, so Ingrid is in Wales promoting the trust to a new generation who will take the Goedgedacht message into their hearts.

She is visiting schools in the area to share the achievements of the trust and to invite pupils to visit South Africa in the future and stay with her on the olive farm. They will help out during the mornings, providing many willing hands to make light work of ongoing tasks.

In the afternoons and evenings they will spend time with the children and young people, helping with homework, playing, dancing and singing.

They will also have an insight into what real poverty looks like, an experience which will change their perception of the world forever.

Ingrid has invited all previous visitors from Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Brynteg School, Ysgol Llanharri and other schools and organisations in south Wales to a reunion on Friday, November 13 in the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College at 6.30pm.

It will be an opportunity to catch up on the rapid progress of the Trust; reminisce over good times and friends; to network with friends they have not yet met. And hopefully… sing!

Everyone will be welcome to join this event. It will be an ideal opportunity for parents and friends to meet the woman who has inspired many young Welsh people to do Acts of Random Kindness (ARKS) to spend cold mornings at car boot sales and climb Pen-y-Fan to do their ironing!

The Goedgedacht Trust has a special place in the heart of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, and other local schools. Come along and find out why!

ANNE PICKFORD

SPEAKERS RAISE THE BAR FOR MEMBERS

THE October programme at Barry Camera Club started with a presentation by John Cooke entitled 'Working Towards Distinctions', which explained the distinction, awarded by various photographic societies, to photographers who show particular skill levels.

Members were surprised at the level of commitment needed to raise their photography to the standard required.

On October 9, we welcomed Gareth Martin who gave us a talk entitled 'In The Making'. He explained in great detail his workflow, showing how he plans his shots, the techniques he uses when actually taking the photographs and the various techniques he employs when making the final print.

Roger Tiley visited us on October 16 with a talk entitled 'Presentation And My Career'. Roger is a widely published professional photographer and gave a fascinating overview of his entire career through his teenage years, his studies at Newport Photography College and all his press and magazine work.

On October 23, we had a 'battle' with Cardiff Camera Club at our premises. Barry gained a conclusive win in the print section, with a score of 182 points to Cardiff's 166. Cardiff, however, struck back in the digital image section winning narrowly by 176 points to 173.

Overall, then, it was a relatively comfortable win for Barry scoring 355 points to Cardiff's 342 but Cardiff have vowed revenge for the return fixture next year!

The judge on this occasion was Les Loosemore, one of the most accomplished and experienced judges on the circuit. Unfortunately, this was the last time we will see Les as a judge as he is retiring from judging and this was his final night. Thank you, Les, for all your efforts over the years.

Once again the month concluded with our monthly competition night. This month the judge was Trevor James.

Monochrome print: This was a closely fought contest with some very high marks being awarded; however, Trevor finally settled the competition by awarding 20 points and first place to Roy Carr for 'Wall And Trees In The Mist', second place and 19 points to Brian Trego for 'Umbrellas' and third place with 17 points to Mary Tornabene for 'Nature's Clock'.

Colour print: First prize and 20 points went to Barbra Archdale-Smith for 'Two Blondes At Sunset', second place and 19 points went to Hugh Winnan for his 'Priory Monk At Prayer' and third spot was taken by Glenn Porter who gained 17 points for his Venetian shot 'Sleeping Gondolas'.

The projected image section was, as usual, the most contested section. The winner with 20 points was Sarah Savage with 'Oh-Oh!', Roy Carr gained second place scoring 19 points with 'The Odd One Out' and in third place with 18 points was Ken Mayled's 'Morning Paper'.

November features a three-way battle with Merthyr Tydfil and Llantrisant Camera clubs, Keith Sharles will be visiting us with a presentation entitled 'Mono… What Works?' and Allen Lloyd will be presenting his talk on 'Essential Photoshop,' before we round off November with the monthly competition.

Throughout the rest of the year and into 2016 we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned.

New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. We are a very friendly organisation and new members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join.

Alternatively, for more information visit our website www.barrycameraclub.co.uk. **RN**

Breathtaking views at Mynydd Garn-wen...

CLIVE was joined by 12 walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers at Goytre Wharf where the trees were wearing their autumnal tints before passing the well-preserved lime kilns, where limestone was burnt forming lime which was encased in barrels before being shipped out by boat along the Monmouth and Brecon canal.

Tramping southwards along the canal towpath past pairs of mallard ducks, a grey heron and a workman piloting an odd looking craft which dredges the canal, a stop was made on top of one of the stone bridges for morning coffee along with juicy ripe pears from John.

They then headed inland across soggy fields, woodland that had been cleared for them and a gradual climb up to the Folly Tower on the ridgeway, where two of the invasive Harlequin ladybirds were spotted over lunch.

Reaching the trig point on Mynydd Garn-wen, and after pausing to enjoy the breathtaking 360-degree views, a narrow track through tall bracken led them downhill to the delightful beech woods at Cwm Cam, followed by a slippery slalom route steeply downhill into Coed Peggy-Shams.

Reaching the perimeter of Coed Howell and arriving at the Holy Well, or Ffynon Angaeron, they found a fallen tree was blocking the small freshwater spring noted for the fact that pins, needles, nails, pencils and buttons were left by people hoping to promote good luck, and following a narrow pathway through woods at the base of Pentre Hill, a short descent through sheep-filled fields led them back to their start.

The brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies were really enjoyed by the eight walkers who joined Geraint at Cyfarthfa Castle.

Descending towards the River Taff, they tramped across the world's oldest cast iron bridge called Pont y Cafnau or the 'bridge of troughs', which originally carried a tramroad as well as water to the nearby Cyfarthfa Ironworks that came next on their journey.

Having viewed the masonry blast furnaces and continuing along the Taff Trail, the curved Cefn Coed Viaduct which opened in 1868 and is 115-feet high with 15-arches (built to carry the Brecon and Merthyr Railway) led them into Cefn-coed-y-cymmer and down into the Taff Fechan gorge.

They walked the muddy riverside paths before climbing up to the Pontsarn Viaduct, and then descended to Vaynor for a quick peep at the two churches and view the grave of Robert Thompson Crawshay.

There was a memorial tablet on the south wall of St Gwynno's to Catherine Morgan, who died in 1794 aged 106, and who lived through the reigns of six monarchs.

Returning back to the Taff Fechan gorge for a lunch stop at Pontsarn, and crossing to the opposite bank which led to the Cyfarthfa leat that carried water to the ironworks, the path of the old tramroad led them back to Cyfarthfa Park after an interesting journey back through industrial history.

On November 14, please note the change in start time and meet 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-plus mile moderate/hard walk taking in the Llanfoist Incline and Blorenge; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On November 18, the mid-week walk will leave Cogan at 9am for a 12-mile moderate walk taking in Llangybi Castle and the Usk Valley from Llandegfedd reservoir; contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Cowbridge at Christmas

Get your Christmas shopping off to a great start with a trip to Cowbridge

The showroom at Norma Davies Opticians.

A great choice at Amanda Jones Jewellery.

There's more than just stationery products at The Pencil Case.

by PHILIP IRWIN

YOU can measure the approach of Christmas in various ways.

The first sign is when the big stores start plugging festive produce (around August?) but most people will shrug that off.

Things get more serious in October, as the countdown of shopping days to the big day continues, and then the pace quickens as we enter November.

However, you know things are getting close when you realise that the Cowbridge Reindeer parade is just over two weeks away (November 29).

Fortunately for shoppers, traders in the town began planning for Christmas much earlier, and they can offer the traditional wide choice of goods and services that can make the festive experience easier for hard-pressed and stressed-out consumers.

With free parking in the town, shoppers can save time and money, compared to driving into the capital city, and there is never the sense of hustle and bustle that you get with a retail park.

You can browse from shop to shop, often getting fresh ideas, because a high proportion of traders in Cowbridge are independent and pride themselves on offering items you won't find anywhere else.

There is also the added advantage of having a huge range of 'relaxation breaks' available – coffee bars, pubs, wine bars and restaurants are all there to break up the day, or provide a fine finish to a shopping expedition.

For traders, Christmas is a time to try something new, or to refine something that has worked well in previous years.

That is certainly the case with Filco, where their Cowbridge store, along with their other stores in the area, will be offering the chance to pre-order a wide range of quality Christmas meats.

Matthew Hunt, of Filco, told The GEM: "We have issued our Christmas meat brochure, and included in the range are all the traditional favourites, turkey, goose, duckling, lamb, pork and a wide variety of cooked meats.

"Also, our Christmas loyalty rewards scheme is now up and running. It started on November 2, and anyone who spends £40 per week for six weeks in a row will qualify for a £25 voucher.

"The last qualifying date for purchases is December 27, so there is still time to sign up for the loyalty reward."

Moving from an established Cowbridge business to a new kid on the block, this year will be the first Christmas when lovers of cider can sample one brewed in the Vale.

Nick Craddock runs Vale Cider from just outside Bonvilston, and this year made the move from brewing for family and friends to a bigger scale.

He said: "We made our debut at the Vale Show, and sold out by early afternoon!

"This prompted us to take things more seriously and we plan to be a regular at food festivals next year. We are looking forward to May at the Cowbridge Festival!"

Vale Cider's products are stocked at the Elephant and Bun deli in Cowbridge. What they brew varies with the apple crop, but this year they have a medium dry and a medium sweet – plus a little Christmas extra!

Nick said: "We will be here on Reindeer Day, offering people a chance to try our brand new 'mulled cider' – which will be on sale after at the Elephant and Bun."

Food and drink go together, of course, so it is an appropriate time to talk to one of Cowbridge's bright young chefs – Chris Bates at Beagles' Country Kitchen, which overlooks the river just along from Penny Lane.

Chris says that, as a creperie, his kitchen fits nicely into Cowbridge's bistro scene. It is just approaching its first year in the town.

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Cowbridge at Christmas

Where to find that problem gift!

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He said: "There is a sense of theatre when the customers are able to watch you cook for them, and I enjoy chatting while I'm at work.

"We have just launched our winter menu and we have something for everyone – savoury or sweet."

On the savoury side, a really popular one is pulled pork, chorizo and five-bean cassoulet. That really is one crepe, not three!

Traditional savoury crepes, such as ham and cheese, are on the menu too, along with Mexican fajitas, while there is a massive choice for sweet crepes.

Chris said: "We go from simple, sugar and lemon, to apple and blackberry crumble, and on to one called 'death by chocolate'.

"This Christmas, we are also doing a favourite from last year, back by popular demand – a Christmas pudding and brandy sauce crepe!"

However, Christmas isn't all about eating (although we will be returning to that soon). It's about buying those difficult presents too.

This is where Amanda Jones Jewellery, just around the corner from Beagles on the High Street, can help.

Amanda's new business opened only in October and is already in full flow in the build-up to Christmas.

Shoppers who were fans of Jenny Wren will know Amanda well, and after 16 years there, she knew it was her time to take a leap of faith.

She stocks British silver brands such as Chlobo, Muru and Claudia Bradby Pearls.

Amanda added: "As an independent, I know how important it is for a small town such as Cowbridge to maintain its individuality.

"The style, service, and those all-so-important touches that made Jenny Wren so unique are right at the forefront of Amanda Jones Jewellery."

Close to Amanda on the High Street is another ideal 'take a break' spot – the Horse and Groom pub.

Landlady Jayne Wilkinson told The GEM that it wasn't just beer that people would pop in for in the town.

She said: "One of our most popular orders these days is when friends pop in to share a bottle of prosecco."

It's a lively pub, and that certainly holds true for Wednesday nights, when the Horse and Groom plays host to its regular jive club.

One imagines that 'Strictly' has given this a boost in recent years!

Just around the corner from the Horse and Groom, in the Old Mason's Yard, is La Mercerie, which specialises in yarn for knitting and crocheting.

The shop is owned by Jean Tait, who says it is not too late to knit a gift for Christmas.

She said: "We have patterns for hats, snoods and scarves that can be completed in plenty of time."

Solve your knitting problems with the help of Jean Tait at Le Mercerie.

If you want to surprise someone with something made from genuine local wool, then ask Jean for something suitable for her latest yarn, made from 100 per cent Llanwenog Wool, from the Ty Mel Smallholding at Coytrahen!

Jean added that knitting is as popular as ever, with two busy knitting groups meeting once a week at the shop.

Eastgate in Cowbridge is sometimes overlooked by shoppers who are in a rush, but that would be a mistake.

One long-established business is Colours, run by Jean Jeans and her sister Ruth.

Colours has been in Cowbridge for more than 25 years and used to be one of a chain of four.

Jean and Ruth worked for quite some time in the Barry shop, in Holton Road, but when the owners decided to retire, Jean bought the Cowbridge shop!

Jean said: "One of our most popular lines is the Frank Lyman Design range. He is Canadian and makes fantastic occasion dresses and evening wear.

"He is very versatile, in the sense that his designs cover a wide range of ages, and his gowns are popular for gala balls or for cruises."

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Stunning designer ball gowns (and much more) at Colours.

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Cowbridge at Christmas

Old and young are catered for!

The Horse and Groom is a great place to stop for a break, either in the pub or (below) in the beer garden.

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Another speciality of Colours is wedding outfits for the mother of the bride or groom. It's very much a 'one- stop shop' for events such as these, with hats, bags and shoes all available.

Jean said: "Ruth has a saying which is – 'I defy anyone to leave without buying something' – and I think that sums up the ethos behind Colours."

Also in Eastgate is Sally Stephenson, who runs the Pencil Case, which does a lot more than it says on the tin!

She stocks a massive range of stationery products, including diaries and calendars, but also supplies ballet clothing and school uniforms too.

However, with the Christmas period in mind, Sally is very excited about – adult colouring books!

She said: "Recently, four of the top 10 best sellers on Amazon were adult colouring books. They have become a very popular way of finding a relaxing 15 minutes or so during a stressful day. People just 'zone out'."

For the adults, the designs are complex, and Sally has seven different books to choose from, with titles such as 'Celtic', 'Kaleidoscope' and 'Mandala'.

She also, not surprisingly, stocks sets of colouring pencils as well. There are children's colouring books too, so that it can become a family activity.

Stocking fillers in the Pencil Case include children's notebooks with stunning 3-D covers, and quality note books and fountain pens for grown-ups.

She also stocks Welsh language Christmas cards and 'school packs' of cards for the primary school tradition of giving cards to classmates and teacher.

Well, after a burst of shopping activity, it might be a good idea to check out a relaxation option – perhaps finding out the secret of Bar 44.

The tapas bar started in Cowbridge with the idea of bringing the best Spanish food, wine, sherry and beer to the town, and now has branches in Penarth and Cardiff.

You could even turn your day on its head and start with a Spanish breakfast (served between 10am and 12 noon).

Tom and Owen Morgan run Bar 44, and Owen said: "We can do a full Spanish breakfast, including our 'hog tortilla' – a Spanish omelette with chorizo,

"During the day, we have our very popular 'three tapas for £10' offer, and this runs until 6pm, so you can choose this option at the end of your day, rather than at lunchtime.

"Also, if an afternoon snack is what you want, we have our amazing churros, which go very well with a coffee."

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RESTAURANT TAKES A FAMILIAR SEASIDE STAPLE TO A NEW LEVEL

A COWBRIDGE restaurant is aiming to make Friday and Saturday lunchtimes special by turning its chef's gourmet skills to that good old seaside staple – fish and chips!

Tim Marriott is the head chef at the Market Place, and six years ago he returned to Cowbridge after polishing his culinary education by working in a series of top London restaurants.

Since then, the Market Place has established itself as one of the Vale's best places to eat, with customers loving the good food, and also the sense of history that befits an establishment that became a tavern in the 16th Century.

Tim explained his thinking: "We have aimed to perfect as much as possible the classic combinations that you would expect to eat with a traditional fish and chip meal, taking the basic chip shop ingredients and elevating them to the next level.

"All of the sauces and accompaniments are all made in house by our chefs. Our mushy peas are made with fresh thyme, garlic, wine and truffle oil, as well as the traditional marrowfat peas, and go particularly well with the chip shop fruity curry sauce, which has a multitude of fresh fruit, and veg spice mixes.

Fish burger and chips at the Market Place.

"For the batter on our daily fresh fish we use fresh yeast and beer to aerate and lighten, which complements our crispy triple-cooked chips perfectly."

I dropped in with a guest to try the Market Place's fish and chips, and all I can say is that you can believe the hype!

You can choose to have the fish battered, cooked in matso breadcrumbs, or grilled, and I chose the cod in breadcrumbs, while my guest tried the plaice in batter. It's hard to imagine finding any better anywhere, and the chips were a delight.

However, what makes the occasion special is the flair shown with the extras such as the mushy peas, and the various sauce options.

The peas were almost a mousse, with the complex mix of ingredients working to perfection, and the sauces were great, particularly the fruity curry option.

There is a third re-imagined special, a fillet of fish burger stack which has seven different components and sauces, including a crispy battered onion ring, which is definitely one I will be trying on another day.

The Market Place is continuing with its regular Friday and Saturday lunch menu, and that has plenty of tempting options too, if you are not a fish fan.

Just one recent addition, for instance, is pan fried bubble and squeak with black pudding, crispy bacon and poached egg.

For some people, the charm of fish and chips will always be having it wrapped in the chippie and then eating on a seaside bench or in the car.

At the Market Place, it is definitely still fish and chips, but Tim Marriott has taken it to another level!

PHILIP IRWIN

THE MARKET LUNCH

FRIDAY & SATURDAY ~ subject to availability

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Chicken liver parfait served with red onion marmalade 6.95
Breadcrumb parmesan baked chicken skewers with sweet chilli, pepper, mozzarella and chutney 6.95

SPECIALS OF THE DAY

Pan fried bubble squeak with black pudding, crispy bacon and poached egg 8.50 (NEW AND DELICIOUS)
Homemade fish pie served with parmesan mash potato 8.50 (NEW AND DELICIOUS)
Marketplace beef burger with pesto, mozzarella, tomato and house chips 9.95

MAIN COURSES

8 oz. sirloin steak with spinach, gremolata butter and house chips 18.50
Prawn and salmon linguini with leeks, parsley and parmesan served in a white wine garlic sauce 12.95

FIXED PRICE

Soup of the day (v)
Chicken liver parfait served with red onion marmalade
Breadcrumb parmesan baked chicken skewers with sweet chilli, pepper, mozzarella and chutney
Beetroot cured salmon gravadlax served with dill and lemon potato salad
Onion tart Tatin served with herbs and goats cheese

MAINS

Confit duck leg with crushed new potatoes, spring greens and red wine jus
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Market Place beef burger with pesto, mozzarella, tomato and house chips
Prawn and salmon linguini with leeks, parsley and parmesan served in a white wine garlic sauce
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Vegetarian dish of the week (v)

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Something special to offer

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The brothers have a passion for most things Spanish, but they have a particular interest in bringing the image of sherry up to date.

In fact, last week in the three Bar 44s, it was international sherry week.

Each bar stocks a wide range of sherries, and the staff can advise on the characteristics of the various varieties.

They excel in wine, too, and recently won the Harpers UK wine award for best Spanish wine list, as well as the Good Food Guide 'restaurant of the year' for 2015. Bar 44 still has a few spaces left for Christmas parties.

Returning to the subject of distinctive Christmas gifts, a visit to JRC jewellers could solve a few of your problems. Owner Rowena Mahon believes strongly that Cowbridge offers something special.

She said: "I really would encourage people to come to Cowbridge, because everybody works hard to source items that you won't find on the High Street." A new adition to JRC's range is the Ti Senso brand of jewellery, and the Italian fashion sense in the range has proved very popular.

Rowena added: "We have a number of high end and antique jewellery lines, and another special designer – particularly with evening dress events in mind – is Deakin & Francis.

"They specialise in hand-made men's cufflinks, and they have really made a name for themselves in the fashion world in recent years."

Also in the jewellery business is Emma-Kate Francis, who has been in Cowbridge for five years now, working from a studio in Eastgate (just above High Society).

Everything Emma-Kate sells is personal. She is the designer and everything is made in-house.

She specialises in ultra feminine jewellery, made in sterling silver and pearl. She also accepts bespoke jewellery commissions.

She said: "With Christmas in mind, I have a special offer at the moment, which is a pair of free pearl studs with orders over £85."

Guess who's coming to town! See full details on page 29.

RIGHT and BELOW:
Just two of the tempting tapas dishes available at Bar 44 in Cowbridge.

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WELCOMING SANTA (AND TRUSTY REINDEER) TO COWBRIDGE!

COWBRIDGE'S big pre-Christmas day is getting closer, as final preparations are made for the Reindeer Parade, on Sunday, November 29.

The town's chamber of trade were the first in south Wales to put on a reindeer parade, and the event has attracted large crowds in recent years.

As in previous years, the parade itself is scheduled to start at 12 noon. After the parade, there will be a chance for children to see the reindeer close up.

Helping things go smoothly will be the members of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club and friends, including members of Cowbridge Rotary Club.

They will be acting as stewards, and collecting money for good causes. The Lions will also be selling tasty burgers from their stall behind the town hall.

Following the Reindeer Parade, Santa will be in his Grotto to meet the children. This is also a hugely popular part of the day and, to avoid long queues, it is ticket only.

A Lions' spokesman said: "The tickets for Santa's Grotto can be collected at the west entrance to the town hall on a 'first come, first served' basis from 11.am. Each ticket will grant access to one family, but please remember that the number of tickets is strictly limited, since Santa can only stay for a short time.

"He will be in his Grotto between 1.30pm and 4pm and tickets will be allocated for slots between these times.

"There will be no charge for the tickets, but if you enjoy the experience a donation in support of the work of Lions would be much appreciated, using Gift Aid if possible."

The day, as usual, will culminate with the switching on of the Christmas lights, at around 5pm.

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REMEMBRANCE WINDOW DISPLAY WINS PLAUDITS

PARK Independent Funeral Directors in Tynewydd Road, Barry, have put together a Remembrance display, with the support of local historian and headteacher at St Cyres School, Penarth, Dr Jonathan Hicks.

Assistant funeral director Becky Adams said: "Last year's commemorative display aroused a great deal of interest and we had people dropping in and saying how lovely it was to have a Remembrance Day window, because they have or had relatives in the forces or had been in the forces themselves."

Since its formation in Barry six years ago, Park Funerals, which is based at Tynewydd Road opposite King Square, has mounted a number of displays and these have received many compliments from passers-by.

Angela joins the cooks in Parliament – *while Sian cooks for the AMs!*

Angela Frederick (second from right) was one of only ten school cooks chosen to work alongside chefs at the Houses of Parliament recently.

TWO school cooks swapped their canteens for Westminster and the Senedd last week – as part of a national initiative to celebrate the quality of school meals.

Angela Frederick, from Llangewydd Junior School, was chosen as one of only ten cooks from across Wales and England to spend a day working alongside chefs inside the Houses of Parliament.

The unique opportunity came during National School Meals Week, and Angela was selected in recognition of the outstanding dedication she has shown to her profession over nearly 30 years.

Having started as a relief general kitchen assistant at Cefn Glas Infants in 1987, Angela now runs the kitchen at Llangewydd Primary School, which also provides the meals for the nearby Bryntirion Infants and Trelales Primary School.

Angela said: "Naturally, I was feeling quite nervous to begin with, but within minutes I was put at ease as the chefs made me so welcome. It was an incredible experience and the day went so quickly! They have nearly a dozen kitchens there, which serve the various restaurants and requirements of the politicians and their guests, and it was fascinating to see how many different types of meals are prepared during just one day."

From prepping vegetables and hors d'oeuvres ahead of an evening banquet, to plating up guinea fowl for an afternoon buffet, Angela was given a variety of tasks during her whirlwind visit.

A similar insight was gained by Sian Dalton, assistant cook at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen who represented Bridgend county borough by cooking for Welsh Assembly Members at the Senedd.

The visit was sponsored by Assembly Member Alun Ffred Jones, to highlight the importance of healthy eating in Welsh schools and make parents more aware of the quality and nutritional values of education catering today.

Peter McGrath, the chair of LACA (the Lead Association for Catering in Education), said: "As an industry we have worked hard to improve standards over many years to give our children a healthier start in life. The quality and nutritional values of school meals has never been better and the skills and ability of our school chefs is at an all-time high.

"We have many issues to tackle with child obesity, and school meals – whilst not being the panacea to all ills – can and do make a significant contribution in helping to reduce the number of children affected."

CounHuw David, BCBC's deputy leader, said: "Our dedicated school cooks serve up over 9,000 nutritious meals in primary and secondary schools every day, providing the fuel needed by children to give them the energy to learn and fulfil their potential.

"As well as being healthier than ever, school meals are increasingly adventurous, as pupils' palettes have been extended to include a more varied international cuisine. Cooks have risen to this challenge, and possess culinary skills that are a match for anyone.

"Angela and Sian are both vastly experienced in working in busy kitchens, and it gives us enormous pride that they had the privilege of representing their peers and the county borough as a whole during National School Meals Week."

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The dark arts – crime writers reveal secrets of their trade

From left (seated) are Belinda Bauer, Tim Weaver and Emma Kavanagh with some of their fans.

THE Cowbridge Book Festival's Crime Night has always been a popular event with festival followers and this year was no exception.

The guest authors were Belinda Bauer, Emma Kavanagh and Tim Weaver, who presented the festival audience with a fascinating insight into the world they inhabit as crime writers.

From the moment Sally Perini introduced this highly articulate trio to their receptive audience we knew we were in for a treat. The discussion was well controlled by award-winning author Belinda Bauer and it soon became obvious that they had already established a great rapport, and that they were well prepared to present an informative and relevant look at the demands made of writers of all genres, not just crime.

While these three completely different authors agreed on many aspects of the writing process, it soon became clear that when it comes to how they approach their research and building characters, they are quite different.

For instance, Emma sets great store by using spreadsheets to create her characters and it would appear that Belinda and Tim spend a great deal of time 'people watching' and listening – local people might like to note they met for coffee, in Costa, before coming to this event!

An appreciative audience, which included several reading groups, engaged the writers in a lively Q and A session and were rewarded with frank and often humorous answers! After the discussion, attendees had the opportunity to chat with the authors over a glass of wine while their books were signed.

This was the final Cowbridge Book Festival event for 2015 and it proved to be a great way to round off the year.

Details of funds raised throughout the year for the festival's chosen charities, The Noah's Ark Appeal, Children's Hospital of Wales and Bloodwise (Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research), will be announced shortly.

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Litter pick in park

A LOCAL councillor, the police and Keep Wales Tidy took part in a litter pick at Iolo Park in Barry on Saturday.

They collected sweet wrappers, cans and used fireworks – but overall reported that the park on the Treharne Estate was "in a good condition".

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Care home presented with 'care award'

PICTURED (left to right): Fit M8 instructor Shane, Andrew R T Davies AM and Sean and Tina from Old Rectory Care Home.

OLD Rectory Care Home in Wenvoe was presented with an 'Investors in Care' Award last week by South Wales Central regional AM and Welsh Conservative Leader, Andrew R T Davies.

The home provides residential care to older people with dementia and mental frailty, and has been recognised for its partnership with Barry Personal Training Company FitM8.

The programme, known as 'CareM8', sees a personal trainer visit the home once a week to hold a session with residents. It ensures that they are able to undertake physical activity despite the mobility issues many of them have.

Mr Davies visited Old Rectory and was shown around by owners Sean and Tina, and also took part in a fitness session led by personal trainer Shane. He then presented them with their award, which now takes pride of place on the wall.

Congratulating them, the AM said: "I was delighted to present Sean and Tina with their Investors in Care Award. Old Rectory's partnership with FitM8 seems a fantastic initiative for their residents.

"Dementia is an awful illness and it is vital that sufferers get a good standard of care and support. Physical exercise and activity are important and this programme is an excellent idea."

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as Local Planning Authority, has determined the following application(s), having taken into account the information contained within the Environmental Impact Assessment accompanying the application(s):

Application No.: 2015/00360/FUL

Location: Wimborne Road, Barry

Proposal: Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.

Decision: Approved 4 September, 2015

Documents and details of the decision, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based may be inspected free of charge in the: Planning Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Offices, Barry Docks, Barry. CF63 4RT during normal office hours, or by visiting the on-line planning register on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website.

Dated: 12 November, 2015

Mrs. V. L. Robinson,
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Burden or asset?

VALE Older People's Strategy Forum is presenting a 'Big Debate' where a panel will answer the question: 'Are Older People a Burden or an Asset to Today's Society?'

The Big Debate is on November 17 in the Memo Arts Centre, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA, 7pm – 9.30pm.

This is a free event, all welcome. For more information contact John Porter, Vale Older People's Strategy Coordinator, Vale Council on 01446 709779 or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; website at valeopf.webplus.net

Credit Union advice

ARE you living in the Vale or Cardiff and looking for flexible saving accounts? Affordable low interest loans with no hidden charges? Loans for electrical and white goods?

In partnership with Co-op Electrical, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a session with an adviser from Cardiff and Vale Credit Union at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

To book a place, call 01446 709432 or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

Amelia Trust Farm Christmas Fair

ON November 21 at Cottrell Park Golf Resort from 11am until 4pm there will be festive fun for all the family, with a variety of stalls, craft activities for children and a choir. Father Christmas will be visiting the fair and children will be able to meet him.

Vale Owls will also attend, as will animals from the nearly wild show, along with craft and gift stalls – do a spot of Christmas shopping!

Home made mince pies, cakes and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

The fair will raise funds to help continue the work of supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged young people. There is no admission charge, but the trust welcomes a donation at the entrance.

Enchanted winter afternoon tea

A FUNDRAISING afternoon tea event for Cancer Research Wales will take place at Tyler's Cabin, Cottrell Park Golf Resort, St Nicholas, on Saturday, November 28 from 1pm-4pm.

This special event is a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends in the festive season. As well as afternoon tea, there will be a harpist, goodie bags, stall exhibitors and raffle prizes.

Tickets are £22.50 each (tables of eight) and are bookable on the Cancer Research Wales website www.cancerresearchwales.co.uk/afternoontea, calling Hannah Beadsworth on 02920 316976 or emailing hannah.beadsworth@wales.nhs.uk.

Toy and train sale

BARRY Leisure Centre in Greenwood Street is hosting the next toy and train sale on Sunday, November 29, between 10.30am and 3pm.

Sister event, the Cardiff toy and train sale, will take place at Penarth Leisure Centre on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our Barry event is proving ever more popular and offers a wonderful range of stallholders trading in the large and well-lit venue which offers large amounts of space for everyone."

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Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Councillors for Castleland Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 14, in the Drop In Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry from 10:30am – 12pm. No appointment necessary.

If you need advice but can't attend contact Coun Elmore on 07867 506 116 or email celmore@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Velindre Christmas fayre

VELINDRE Cancer Centre is holding a Christmas fayre to raise funds, in the Earl Haig Club in Whitchurch village on Sunday, November 22 from 1pm – 3.30pm. Come along and support this worthwhile cause!

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group's next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm – 9pm.

The speaker is to be Dr L George, consultant physician in general medicine, diabetes and endocrinology, and he will be hosting a diabetes question and answer session.

All are welcome!

Music In The Vale

THIS annual competition for young singers and instrumentalists will take place at Stanwell School, Penarth this weekend, November 14 – 15 between 9am and 4pm.

Once winners in each class are chosen, judges will give a detailed critique to each competitor, to help with their future development.

The winners and runners-up of this year's competition will perform at a gala concert at All Saints' Church, Penarth on January 24 at 2pm.

For further information visit the website www.musicinthevale.org.uk or call Sue Taylor (Publicity) 01446 781453.

Hospitality and food hygiene course

A brand new hospitality and food hygiene course will be starting on Tuesday, November 17, 1pm-3pm at Palmerston Community Learning centre.

The four week accredited course is free to those eligible and is an ideal course for jobseekers applying for jobs in catering and hospitality roles.

For more information or to book a place call Palmerston Centre on 01446 733762.

Pontyclun market opens

PONTYCLUN'S weekend country market opened two weeks ago and is the creation of Cerys Pugh from Fabby Dabby Ltd, to help small local businesses get their crafts and names known!

Along with the 20+ stalls containing a variety of unique finds is a tea room and cake shop plus plans to hold craft classes and community events in the future.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND PARADE AT KENFIG HILL

WORDS AND PICTURES by KEITH E MORGAN

THE Royal British Legion Remembrance Day service and parade at Kenfig Hill, was co-ordinated on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Kenfig Hill and District Branch, and Pyle Community Council, by Harold Phillips, clerk to Pyle Community Council.

The service at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill was conducted by Rev. Jonathan Durley, CA and Rev Len Grabham, Pisgah Chapel, Kenfig Hill, with support from parish reader Grace Wylde and Ordinand James Briggs.

A reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, was read by Coun Gina Hooper, Chair of Pyle Community Council, and the reading from the Gospel of St Matthew, The Beatitudes, was by Rev Len Grabham, Pastor of Pisgah Chapel, Kenfig Hill.

The sermon was given by Rev Jonathan Durley, C.A., Priest-in-Charge at Kenfig Hill, followed by prayers of thanksgiving by parish reader Grace Wylde. The poem *Taking a Stand* by John Bailey, was read by James Briggs.

The collection for the Royal British Legion was taken by children from Mynydd Cynffig Primary School, the Scout Beavers, the Girl Guides and the Air Training corps.

Following the service, the parade assembled outside St Theodore's Church under the command of Flight Sergeant Richard Peckham of the Kenfig Hill ATC, and smartly marched down the High Street to the cenotaph on the Top Cross at Kenfig Hill.

Members of the South Wales Constabulary were on hand to ensure traffic.

A large crowd had assembled at the cenotaph for the service and act of Remembrance, which was again conducted by Rev Jonathan Durley, CA and Rev Len Grabham, Pisgah Chapel, Kenfig Hill, with support from Grace Wylde and Ordinand James Briggs.

As in previous years, emphasis was placed on the involvement of youngsters in the service and parade.

Following the laying of wreaths conducted by Micky Davies ex 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment, who recited the moving words:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,

Age shall not weary them, nor the year condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

(*Laurence Binyon*)

Flags were lowered for the Last Post by cornet payer by Ian Samuel, former musician in the Royal Corps of Transport.

Following the two-minute silence, the flags were raised to the Reveille and the hymn *The Lord's my Shepherd* was sung.

The Act of Commitment was recited and everyone joined in with the pledge:

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all Mankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and to the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; Give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope; And keep us faithful, now and always. Amen

This was followed by the blessing and The Kohima Epitaph, spoken by Mark Deacon, formerly of the 1st Royal Welsh.

The Remembrance service closed with 'God Save the Queen' and the Welsh national anthem, 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau'.

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• ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
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• DINING ROOM OPENING TO KITCHEN
• SITTING ROOM
• FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS
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• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• LANE ACCESS
• NO CHAIN
• ER = D
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NO CHAI STUNNING
MERTHYR STREET, BARRY
• WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
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EITHINEN BER, BARRY
• A WELL PRESENTED
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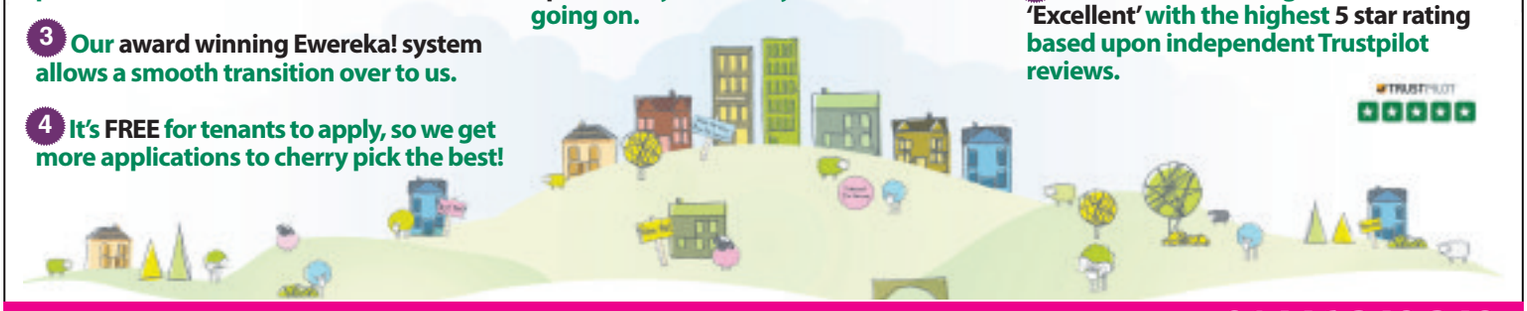

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Un o'r datblygiadau mwyaf cyffrous diweddar ym myd rhedeg yw'r Parkrun a gynhelir mewn parciau amrywiol ym mhob cwr o Brydain. Mae pob Parkrun am ddim; pob un am 9 y bore ar fore Sadwrn; pob un yn 5km ac yn bwysicach na dim, nid oes hawl galw Parkrun yn ras. Ar ben hynny, mae pawb yn cael eu gosod yn ôl eu hoedran, felly, er engraifft, mae person yn ei bumdegau sy'n heini yn gallu curo pobl ifanc llawer iau. O odi, mae hynna'n deimlad braf!

Yn ddiweddar dechreuwyd Parkrun newydd ar Ynys y Barri, ac mae'n siwr gen i mai hwn yw un o'r rhai prydferthaf ym Mhrydain. Mae'n dechrau dan y Cysgod Dwyreiniol ar y prom, heibio caffi Marco's, trwy'r gerddi pert uwchben y prom a thuag at benrhyn Bae Jackson. Troi i'r chwith wrth orsaf Gwylwyr y Glannau ac yn ol eto tuag at y prom. Ac yn y Barri, mor agos i'r môr, mae'r olygfa yn newid yn wythnosol yn ddibynnol ar fympwy'r tywydd.

Yng Nghaerdydd mae'r Parkrun yno ar hyd llwybrau godidog caeau Llandaf ger yr afon yn un o'r hynaf ac mae dros 600 o redwyr yno bob bore Sadwrn. Rhai yno i ymgeisio am 'pb' ac eraill yno yn mwynhau loncian gyda'r babi yn y bygi neu'r ci yn gwmni.

A chofiwch, ar Fawrth y 26ain 2016 mae rhedwyr gorau'r byd yn dod i Gaerdydd i gystadlu ym mhencampwriaeth hanner marathon y byd ac mae croeso cynnes i chithau redeg gyda nhw! Mae tipyn o ffordd rhwng rhedeg 5km ac 13.1 milltir ond mae ganddoch chi bron i bump mis i ymarfer. Sialens newydd wych ar gyfer 2016!

Ysgol y Mis – Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig

ROEDD yr uned blynyddoedd cynnar yn llawn prysurdeb dros wyliau'r Haf.

Bu adeiladwyr yn weithgar yn gosod cegin newydd, ystafell ymgynnull ac uno'r dosbarthiadau Derbyn i greu un ardal ddysgu trawiadol. Gosodwyd arwydd newydd a deiniadol ar brif fynedfa'r Uned – rhodd hael iawn gan Mr.Jackson Harris.

Roedd athrawon a disgyblion y Dosbarthiadau Meithrin a'r Derbyn yn weithgar iawn ar ddechrau'r tymor yn creu ardaloedd diddorol, ymchwiliol ac ysgogol. Roedd hi'n amser ymgartrefi.

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Dathlu Cwpan Rygbi'r Byd

Roedd dyfodiad Cwpan Rygbi'r Byd yn gyfle euraidd ini gefnogi Cymru, Corey Allen cyn-ddisgybl i'r ysgol, a chadw'n heini. Profiad bythgofiadwy oedd gweld Corey'n gwisgo crys Cymru er gwaetha'r siom o anaf cynnar yn y twrnament.

Trefnodd Miss.Withey a Chyngor Chwaraeon yr ysgol ddiwrnod o ddathlu ar gaeau'r ysgol. Gwisgodd bawb coch a chafodd pob plentyn o'r Meithrin i flwyddyn 6 y cyfle i basio a chicio pêl rygbi neu chwarae gêm tag rygbi wrth i'r anthem genedlaethol greu naws cyffrous yn y cefndir. Am ddiwrnod i gofio!

Halibalŵ yr Hydref

Rydym wrth ein boddau yn croesawi'r Hydref yn Sant Curig. Mae tir eang yr ysgol yn cynnig cyfleoedd gwych i weithio yn yr awyr agored.

Hoff weithgareddau'r disgyblion oedd croesawi pedwar crwban bach i'r uned am y dydd, mynd ar helfa'r Hydref, chwyrlio ymysg y coed gyda rhubannau dawnsio coch, oren a melyn a chreu gwaith celf enfawr ymysg y coed. Roedd casglu afalau yn yr ardd yn fenter a digonedd yna i goginio chytni i'r Ffair Nadolig. Casglwyd pwmpen hefyd a bu Mrs. Jones a'r disgyblion wrthi'n creu cawl pwmpen am ddeuddydd! Uchafbwynt y gweithgareddau oedd cynnal Parti'r Hydref. Cyfle i bawb wisgo fel anifail, lliw neu cynnyrch yr Hydref a mwynhau bwyta eu cawl pwmpen a'r bisgedi draenog a wnaethpwyd gan blant bach hapus Ysgol Sant Curig.

Mynd am Dro yn y Fro... i Fonmon *gyda Dai Lingual*

Ceir tipyn o ddirgelwch ynglŷn ag enw Fonmon yn ôl llyfrau hanes lleol Llyfrgell Penarth – sefydliad sydd erbyn hyn â grŵp cefnogol ei hun o'r enw 'Ffrindiau Llyfrgell Penarth' er mwyn ceisio diogelu dyfodol y llyfrgell yn ystod amser anodd iawn i wasanaethau cyhoeddus, ac aelod newydd o Gynghrair Cymunedau Cymraeg felly!

Creda "arbenigwyr" lleol nad yw'r enw Fonmon o'r Gymraeg nac ychwaith o'r Saesneg, felly wrth i ni ystyried oblygiadau tîm pêl droed rhyngwladol Cymru yn troedio hi i Ffrainc i gystadlu "en Euro 2016" – a'r adwaith posib ar bresenoldeb yr athrawon a phlant ysgolion y Fro - ydy tarddiad Ffrengig yn bosibiliad hyd yn oed? Mais oui – wrth gwrs – ceir tipyn o gysylltiad hanesyddol a theuluol rhwng Y Tir Gorau yng Nghymru mae'r Fro yn cynnig â theuluoedd breintiedig Gogledd Ffrainc, yn wir mae'r golofn hon wedi sôn am hynny eisoes un peu [nid Hanner Pei ond tipyn bach yn hytrach!].

Er nad ydw i wedi clywed defnydd ar lafar, cynigir y ffenomen o fersiynau amgen o Fonmon hefyd: Ffwl-y-mwn neu Ffon-mon yn y Gymraeg mae'n debyg; tra bod y castell lleol yn parhau fel Fonmon, mais oui.

Heblaw islaw y 'Landsker Line' ym Mhenfro – Little England megis – am wn i Ynys Môn yw'r unig ardal arall yng Nghymru sy'n herio'r Fro am y teitl Y Tir Gorau yng Nghymru; a phe bawn ni yn deall yn iawn beth yw tarddiad Ynys Môn buaswn i efallai â mwy o weledigaeth o ran tarddiad Fonmon, ond yn ddaearyddol mae hynny'n bell iawn i ffwrdd yn nhermau Cymreig. Er mor braf buasai dod ag ychydig o Almaeneg i'r darn o ran honni taw von Môn ['o Fôn'] y daw Fonmon yn wreiddiol, ffraethineb yw hynny yn unig mae'n ddrwg gen i – pardon a a tut mir leid !

Creda Wicipedia taw o'r enw Ladin 'Mona' y daw Môn; yn wir mae Mona yn dal i fodoli yng Nghymru fel enw ar ferch mais oui, ac ysbrydolodd yr enw hwn Michael Barrett o ochrau'r Elai i ganu am Mona Lisa yn ystod y cyfnod modern Shaky-aidd. O ddeall y berthynas rhwng Ffrainc a'r Fro, efallai bod tarddiad yr ardal yn ymwneud â mor braf yw'r Fro – C'est bon! Ansoddair sy'n treiglo yn y Gymraeg megis: i Fon[ym]mon mais oui!

Dychwelwn at ein llyfrgell lleol felly er mwyn rhoi'r gair olaf i'n harbenigwyr lleol o ddifrif: does dim gormod o fynydd – neu Mont – i oroesi i wneud hynny ac yn wir nid ydyn nhw wedi tynnu Blanc llwyr...oes mynydd bychan o dan gastell Fonmon? Os yw'r 'fychan' yna hefyd wedi treiglo i Vaughan i Fôn gyda threigl amser, dyna fy nghynnig amgen i am darddiad Fonmon, mynydd fychan arall: c'est tout.

O Fôn i Fonmon ac o Benfro i'r Barri, mae tir gorau Cymru wedi denu nifer o ymwelwyr difyr dros y canrifoedd, felly dylen ni ddim synnu ambell waith mai nid tarddiad Cymraeg sydd ar bob enw Cymreig. À bientôt!

Am fwy o wybodaeth ynglŷn â sut i gefnogi eich llyfrgell lleol chi, a sut gall eich Cymraeg bod o fudd i'w hymgyrch, cysylltwch gyda david@cymunedau.org neu ffoniwch 02920 707 469.

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Straeon arbennig wenaeth ddal dychymyg a difyrwch y dysgwyr oedd y Mabinogi. Fe wnaeth pawb fwynhau yn fawr a llawer wedi dysgu mwy am eu gwlad a'u llenyddiaeth wrth ddysgu'r iaith. Cofiwch bydd y cwrs Sadwrn nesaf ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd ar y 7fed o Dachwedd. Ewch i https://welshforadults.cardiff.ac.uk/ am fwy o fanylion.

CYMRODORION Y BARRI

Nos Fawrth Tachwedd 17eg am 7.15 yn Festri Tabernacl. Noson yng nghwmni Gareth Thomas – awdur y nofel boblogaidd 'A Welsh Dawn'.
Cadeirydd: Eleri Hourahane.
Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Local chapel organises Vale village 'bake off'
– followed by coffee, cake, and a spot of rugby!

Photographs by **IAN DIXON**

THE village community and church hall was the venue on Saturday, October 31, for the Peterston-super-Ely 'star cake baker' competition, organised by Croes y Parc Chapel.

Following the judges' selection of the senior and junior winners, from a large number of entries, the competitors and villagers enjoyed a leisurely morning coffee break with a slice of cake before retiring to watch the Rugby World Cup final!

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Porthcawl RFC emerge victorious against Vardre

Joe Muir crosses for a try. PICTURES BY TRACEY WILLIAMS

Callum Walters looks for a way through the Vardre defence.

WITH several players unavailable for this fixture, Porthcawl still managed to field a match-winning team against their Swansea Valley opponents Vardre, emerging winners by 15 points to 9.

From the kick off Porthcawl immediately showed their game plan by running the ball at every opportunity.

Vardre held firm and using their big No.8 to gain the hard yards started to come more into the game. They were soon rewarded for their endeavour, aided by the home team's indiscipline, with two penalty kicks to give them a 6-0 lead.

However the Seaweeds responded to this by a try, wide out, from wing Joe Muir to reduce the deficit to a half-time score of 6-5 to the visitors.

From the restart Porthcawl hit a purple patch with forwards and backs combining well to produce some of the best rugby played by the Seaweeds this season.

With tries coming from centre Jake Thomas and captain Richard Hnyda, Porthcawl seemed to be well in control.

Vardre however had other thoughts and battled hard to gain a foothold in the home half. They were once again rewarded for their efforts with a penalty which gave them a well deserved losing bonus point and a final score of 15-9.

OTHER RESULTS

Ystradgynlais RFC youth 12, Porthcawl RFC youth 16; Porthcawl RFC under-13s 31, Tondu RFC under-13s 12.

CW

BOWLERS ENJOY ANNUAL TOUR

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club enjoyed their usual November tour to Torquay.

Of the 28 that went were two from Rhoose, one from Millwood and two from Sully indoor.

Six rinks from the party were in competition with 26 others from near and far.

Playing six games over three days, the week went all too quickly. There was a high standard of catering from the staff of the Torquay Leisure Hotels.

The Llantwit teams had a competition amongst themselves and the results were - in third place Edna Hardie, Margaret Morgan, Gary Williams and Eric Hacker; in second place Dave Thomas, Vi Ball, Dilys Hurley and Ron Ball, and the winners were Bethany Parrish, John Ball, Ben Parrish and Val Ball.

The winners of the Llantwit competition also went on to win the TLH November Fun Festival 2015, ending the week unbeaten in all matches.

This tour also supports a charity every year, and this time it was the British Heart Foundation.

This charity was chosen after many of our members had heart operations this year.

By purchasing a badge, being caught not wearing it, and various other fines, the tour raised £150 over the week.

On behalf of everybody, we must say a big thank you to Etta Gray for organising the week - she has already started on our trip for November 2016; once again, many thanks Etta.

At Llantwit Major Bowls Club, we have had a very enjoyable and successful outdoor season.

Finals day has been and gone with everyone who participated or came to watch, providing food for the buffet. We thank these people, the organisers and those who set it up.

The annual presentation dinner was another great success and attended by about 70 members, both bowls and social.

It was nice to see that most of the winners and finalists made the effort to receive their awards.

WJB

PENCOED ARE PUNISHED BY A CLINICAL BONYMAEN TEAM

It was a tough encounter for Pencoed RFC against Bonymaen, and JULIE HANCOCK's pictures more than illustrate the fierceness of the competition.

ARRIVING at the Recreation Ground in fifth place in Division 1 West Central, Bonymaen were always going to be a difficult side to beat, and this was how matters materialized over the 80 minutes.

Both teams suprisingly enjoyed the best of the territory playing into the considerable breeze, the opening 30 minutes of the half belonging to the visitors in terms of territory, but the home side defended resolutely during this period, and indeed led 3-0 with a fine 40 metre-plus penalty goal from Adam Williams.

Pencoed were doing well at the scrummage despite the early loss of hooker Tom Drew, young prop forward James Tredray moving to No2 alongside skipper Dean Moore, with Christian Powell taking up loose head prop duties.

Following this period the home side were gradually coming into the match and back row forward Rhys Bargery was prominent with some forceful running.

Williams increased the home lead with another well-judged penalty goal but unfortunately approaching the interval the home side were to concede a vital try with the breeze at their backs, centre Mark Simons converting his own try and Bonymaen led 6-7 at the interval.

Any sceptical home supporter could be forgiven for thinking this lead was not going to be enough having to play into the second half elements.

Simons increased the Bonymaen lead with a penalty goal early in the half but the home side soon hit back, sustained pressure at the visitors' corner flag saw full back Tom Cross emerge from the mass of bodies as the try scorer, Williams adding a superb touchline conversion and Pencoed led 13-10.

The home side almost increased their lead with combined play from scrum half Kyle Barrett and wing Rhys Clarke sweeping play into the visitors' 22; somehow scrambled Bonymaen defence foiled the 50 metre attack.

Pencoed were enjoying their best period of the match, however somewhat against the run of play the visitors got the crucial match winning score, coming back on the angle in midfield in the home 22 to get behind the defence and the supporting Daniel Brooks ran in, Simons adding the conversion for a 13-17 lead.

The home side did their utmost in the closing minutes to snatch victory but it was to be Bony's day.

Pencoed will reflect on a match which they could have won, cruelly punished by the visitors in the two try-scoring instances. For the home side Rhys Bargery was chosen as the man of the match by game sponsors the Thomas Carroll Group.

On Saturday, Pencoed travel to Ystalyfera for a 2.30pm kick off, the supporters' coach departure time to be confirmed.

A Pencoed second XV went down to a strong Bridgend Sports side by 0-15.

The home side included a number of eligible youth players who gave a good account of themselves on the day, looking more than comfortable at this level.

Special mention for Pencoed should go to Dewi Jury, playing in the unfamiliar position of prop forward and doing well in difficult circumstances in a position many fear to go!

Thanks are also expressed to both our youth players and youth coaches for helping the club to fulfil this Mid Glamorgan & District League match.

On Saturday the second XV are drawn at Nantyffyllon in the first round of the Enoch Lewis Cup.

TR

Cowbridge RFC just pipped at the post

AT 10am on Saturday it was doubtful that any play would be possible on the Athletic Field, but after much head scratching, the two wise men inspecting the pitch decided the game against Canton RFC should go ahead.

By the time Canton kicked off the pitch had improved markedly but was still very wet underfoot, and Cowbridge started brightly with an early penalty by full back Ben Wright.

However it was clear from the start that Canton, with a powerful pack, would keep the ball up front and after a couple of missed penalties benefited from a free kick in the 22 to drive over for a converted try.

With the Cowbridge pack under the cosh in the scrum Canton increased their lead with a penalty. Within minutes a good forward drive resulted in a second penalty for Wright.

It was clear that, despite the conditions, Cowbridge were going to have to move the ball away from the Canton pack. On the half hour a great Cowbridge attack involving the impressive Emyr Stone, Ben Wright, Aaron Glasser and lively scrum half Richie Howson broke down with the line in sight.

With the referee freely awarding penalties it was Cowbridge who were rewarded with a timely score just before half-time as Wright slotted over his third penalty to make it Cowbridge 9, Canton 10.

Cowbridge started the second half as they did the first with a fourth Wright penalty from 40 metres. Then, with both sides temporarily down to 14 men, Canton kicked a penalty to touch and drove over from the lineout to retake the lead.

Despite continued pressure on the Cowbridge scrum, No. 8 Emyr Stone was having an absolute stormer at the back, constantly picking up from the retreating scrum and making hard yards each time, denying Canton a chance of a turnover.

Following another break upfield led by outside half Alex Guard, Canton received their second yellow card and Wright scored his fifth penalty to draw level.

With just 10 minutes to go Canton were awarded a penalty and again a kick to touch resulted in a drive over the line for a converted try that at best seemed inconclusive.

The Cowbridge were now beginning to pressurise the Canton pack with the team having to go on all out attack and a clever kick by Guard resulted in a Cowbridge lineout in the Canton 22.

A quick throw in saw the ball spun out to Guard who put a smart kick behind the defence for Ben Wright to sprint onto the ball, showing great composure to collect and dive over in the corner.

The conversion was just wide but from the kick off Cowbridge stormed up the field but the game finished with the inevitable penalty as a relieved Canton kicked to touch, the final score Cowbridge 20, Canton 22.

So, disappointing in the end but the boys battled hard throughout for the bonus point in conditions that suited the powerful Canton pack. Cowbridge can be pleased that the result was in doubt to the bitter end and never gave up.

This Saturday the boys travel to Penygraig with Llandrindod Wells at home on November 21, St Albans at home on November 28 and Taffs Well away on December 5.

The youth BA are at home against Pontypridd this Saturday, with the BF team away at Llantwit Major.

Finally, thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the firework display a success last Thursday and thanks to all who turned up to support the display in such poor weather conditions.

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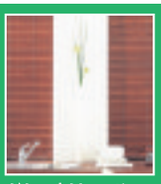
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Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, on November 6. Gwyneth, aged 93 years, beloved wife of the late Fred, much loved mam of Michael, Roger and the late Robert, loved by daughters-in-law Pamela and Jane, also a cherished mamgu.

Gwyneth will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service at Crossways Methodist Church, Barry on Thursday, November 19 at 1pm, followed by Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired for Macmillan c/o the Funeral Director.

ROSS
Mavis Audrey

Peacefully on November 9 at College Fields Nursing Home - Mavis, beloved wife to the late Robert, much loved mum of Mary and son-in-law Terry. A cherished nan, great nan and great great nan to all her grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mavis is resting at The Vale Funeral Home, 181 Court Road, Barry, until her service at their Windsor Road Chapel (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) on Tuesday, November 17 at 11am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Cemetery Approach, Barry.

Floral tributes gratefully accepted and may be sent to the Funeral Home.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay J Ellis, 01446 407962.

Funeral Directors

DOCKER
Barbara Joyce

Peacefully on 31 October 2015 at Morriston Hospital, Barbara of Llantwit Major. Loving mother of Hilary, Stephen and Nigel.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm on Wednesday 18 November 2015.

Family flowers only but donations may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support c/o W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major (cheques only).

EVANS
Jocelyn Irene

Peacefully on November 4 at Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend, after a short illness, Jocelyn of St Mary Church. Beloved wife of Lyn, dearly loved mother of Alison and Julia, mother-in-law of Mike and Mark and much loved Gramma of Josh and Alex, Ross, Heather and Beth.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, November 17, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Velindre Hospital c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

TURNER
Mavis

(née Roberts, formerly Preest)

On November 8 at her home in Llantwit Major, Mavis aged 83 years. Much loved mum of Mal, Paul, Andrew, Lisa, Becky, and Helen. A devoted grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. A loving sister to Janet.

Mavis will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major, until the service in St. Illtud's Church on Friday, November 20 at 10.45am, afterwards to the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only please, donations may be sent to the funeral home for either Velindre Cancer Care or Marie Curie Cancer Care.

GOUGH
Dr John David

Consultant at the Royal Gwent Hospital Newport

Passed away at his home on November 2. Much loved father, brother and son

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service at All Saints Church, Barry on Friday, November 13 at 3.30pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 5pm.

Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers may be given to the funeral director at the service for R.S.P.B.

NORTON
Linda Ann *(née Cooke)*

(Of Castle-Upon-Alun)

Surrounded by her devoted husband Stewart and beloved family at the Princess of Wales Hospital on Wednesday, 4 November.

Service to be held at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major on Wednesday, 18 November at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers to a charity of your choice.

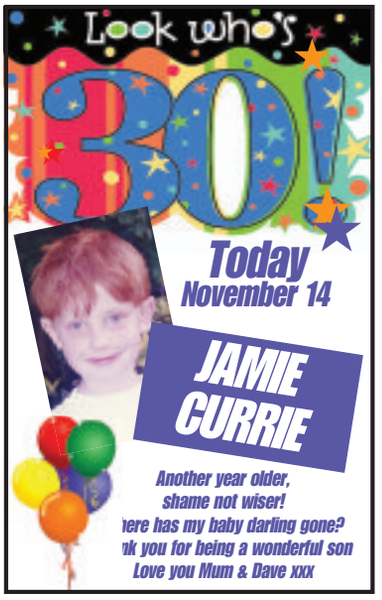
BUGLER
Gareth

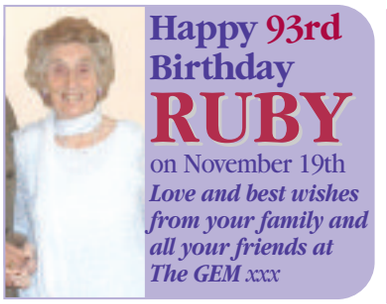
Peacefully at home, Gareth, much loved by his devoted wife Sharon, loving father to daughters Charlotte and Jenny. Loving son of June and John, brother to Mark and Gerald, sadly missed by Chris.

He will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, November 19 at 1.15pm. Ladies smart casual and gentlemen colourful ties or socks. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the British Heart Foundation.

Birthdays





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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2015
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 51 PENARTH)

On the 9th day of October 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from Dochdwy Road (NGR 316944 172960) to within the children's playground (NGR 316997 172971) to a line running from Dochdwy Road (NGR 316942 172962) to within the children's playground (NGR 316997 172971) as set out in the schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 9th day of October 2015, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 12th day of November 2015 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated this 12th day of November 2015

HYSBYSIAD O GADARNHAD O ORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
GORCHYMYN DARGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2015
(LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS RHIF 51 PENARTH)

Ar 9 Hydref 2015, cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod o dan adran 119 o Ddeddf Priffyrdd 1980.

Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dargyfeirio'r llwybr troed cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o Heol Dochdwy (NGR 316944 172960) i'r lle chwarae plant (NGR 316997 172971) i linell sy'n rhedeg o Heol Dochdwy (NGR 316942 172962) i'r lle chwarae plant (NGR 316997 172971) fel yr amlinellir yn yr atodlen ac fel y dangosir ym map y Gorchymyn.

Gallwch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn, am ddim, yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau arferol y swyddfa. Gallwch brynu copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r map yno am £4.50.

Daeth y Gorchymyn i rym ar 9 Hydref 2015, ond os bydd unrhyw un am gwestiynu ei ddilysrwydd, neu unrhyw ddarpariaeth ynddo, ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 neu nad yw'r Gorchymyn yn cydymffurfio ag unrhyw ofyniad yn y Ddeddf neu unrhyw reoliad a wnaed o dan y Ddeddf, gall ef neu hi gyflwyno cais i'r Uchel Lys o dan baragraff 2 o Atodlen 2 i'r Ddeddf fel a gymhwyswyd gan baragraff 5 o Atodlen 6 i'r Ddeddf, o fewn 6 wythnos i 12 Tachwedd 2015.

Dyddiedig 12 Tachwedd 2015

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
The Definitive Map and Statement for the Former County of Glamorgan
Relevant Date 14th September 1954
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2010
(No.DMO/53/358)

On the 8th day of October 2015 The Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement as described in the schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

The Order comes into force on the 8th day of October 2015 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or any regulation made thereunder, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from the 12th day of November 2015 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated this 12th day of November 2015

HYSBYSIAD O GADARNHAD O ORCHYMYN ADDASU DEDDF BYWYD GWYLLT A CHEFN GWLAD 1981
Y Map a'r Datganiad Diffiniol ar gyfer Hen Sir Morgannwg
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GORCHYMYN ADDASU MAP DIFFINIOL 2010
(Rhif.DMO/53/358)

Ar 8 Hydref 2015, cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod o dan adran 53 o Ddeddf Bywyd Gwyllt a Chefn Gwlad 1981.

Bydd y Gorchymyn yn addasu'r Map a'r Datganiad Diffiniol fel y disgrifir yn yr atodlen ac fel y dangosir ym map y Gorchymyn.

Gallwch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn, am ddim, yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau arferol y swyddfa. Gallwch brynu copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r map yno am £4.50.

Daeth y Gorchymyn i rym ar 8 Hydref 2015, ond os bydd unrhyw un am gwestiynu ei ddilysrwydd, neu unrhyw ddarpariaeth ynddo, ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Bywyd Gwyllt a Chefn Gwlad 1981 neu nad yw'r Gorchymyn yn cydymffurfio ag unrhyw ofyniad yn y Ddeddf neu unrhyw reoliad a wnaed o dan y Ddeddf, gall ef neu hi gyflwyno cais i'r Uchel Lys o dan baragraff 12 o Atodlen 15 i'r Ddeddf o fewn 42 diwrnod i 12 Tachwedd 2015.

Dyddiedig 12 Tachwedd 2015

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Applicant: Zahid Rasul and Saima Shaheen Rasul in respect of Eden & Ego, 33 Market Street, Bridgend, CF31 1LJ.

The proposed licensable activities are: boxing and wrestling 12:00 hours to 02:00 hours; live music; recorded music; performances of dance; and anything of a similar description – ground floor 12:00 hours to 24:00 hours, first floor 12:00 hours to 04:00 hours; late night refreshment 23:00 hours to 01:00 hours; supply of alcohol, ground floor 11:30 hours to 02:00 hours, first floor 11:30 hours to 04:00 hours; open to the public ground floor 11:30 hours to 02:30 hours first floor 11:30 hours to 04:30 hours – in each case 7 days a week throughout the year with a new year's eve extension in each case.

Full details of the application can be inspected at the address below during normal business hours:

Bridgend County Borough Council
Civic Offices
Angel Street
Bridgend
CF31 4AB
licensing@bridgend.gov.uk

Any representations must be made in writing, clearly stating the grounds upon which the representation is made, relevant to the licensing objectives, to the above by 30th November 2015.

Representations should be sent to the Bridgend County Borough Council, Licensing Division at the address above.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and is subject to a maximum fine of £5000 on summary of conviction.

Gellir archwilio manylion llawn y cais yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau busnes arferol Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol, Pen y Bont Ar Ogwr, Y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen y Bont Ar Ogwr, CF31 4WB.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Peter Dennis trading as P.D. Travel of Rosemount Pyle Road, Pyle CF33 6HS is applying for a change in an existing licence as follows:

To keep an extra **5** goods vehicles and **0** trailers at the operating centre at **Rosemount Pyle Road, Pyle CF33 6HS**

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern:
I Chloe Francis do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority at Vale of Glamorgan Council for the grant of our Premises Licence/Club Registration Certificate at Ty Maen Farm Buildings, Ogmore Road, Ewenny CF32 0QP and known as Cobbles Kitchen & Deli.
The application is to provide regulated entertainment including playing of recorded and live music and the supply of alcohol. From Mon-Thurs 0900-20:00, Fri 0900-2100 and Saturday from 0900-2300.
Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Team, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU not later than 28 days after the date of this notice (as below).
Representations received after this date will not be considered.
A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.
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Signed Chloe Francis
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THE WELSH HORSE RACING SCENE 30 YEARS AGO

THE GEM's BRIAN LEE, who is celebrating 50 years of reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene, looks back to 1985 and some of the racing stories he brought to his readers:

One trainer who was in the news for all the wrong reasons was Cowbridge trainer John Thomas, who was fined £500 by the Jockey Club after being found guilty under Rule 151 – concerning schooling in public – and was quite philosophical about the Jockey Club Disciplinary Committee's decision.

'He told me: "I understand the decision went against us very narrowly, but we were given a fair trial and I have no complaints."

'Thomas's jockey, Anthony Griffiths, was suspended for 14 days. The inquiry was into the improvement in form shown by *Mandown Lad* when winning at Newton Abbot last August. Thomas pointed out that although the horse finished a well beaten fifth on its previous run, several of those that finished behind *Mandown Lad* have since run well so the form has worked out.'

Under the heading 'Welsh Successes', I wrote: 'When the National Hunt season proper gets under way next month Wales will be represented by no fewer than 10 licensed trainers and some 36 permit holders. This is not counting Welsh trainers like Epsom-based John Jenkins and Lambourn's Fulke Walwyn, who both figured in the leading top 10 trainers' list last season.

'Over the past five years, the leading Welsh-based trainer has been Chepstow's Milton Bradley, who has saddled 56 winners; Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell has turned out 22 winners, while Cowbridge's Bryn Palling has had 25.

'Another who has his share of winners is Pontypridd's Derek Haydn Jones, whose total for the past five seasons is 17. It would be unfair to compare this total with the 76 wins that John Jenkins had last season or, for that matter, Fulke Walwyn's 33 winners, as both these trainers have dozens of horses in their charge.

'Of the permitholders sprouting out all over the place in Wales, Abergavenny's Reg Brown has been turning out winners for years and one worth watching out for is Grenville Richards, a successful trainer of point-to-pointers. Brecon's Gordon Price and Magor's George Williams are just two others who know what it takes to train a winner.

'Of the aforementioned trainers, Dai Burchell, Milton Bradley and John Jenkins are still saddling winners.'

One rider who had his first success that year was Dai Burchell's son and under the heading 'David's Success' I revealed: 'David John Burchell, the 17-year-old son of Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell, landed his first winner on Saturday when scoring an easy 10 lengths win on *Promindante* in the Autumn Conditional Jockeys Selling Handicap Hurdle at Stratford. David, who has been riding for only 12 months, said: "My father told me to go out and enjoy myself, and all I had to do was to steer my mount around the course."

David's father was also in the news and in 'Burchell Is To Stay At Home' I wrote: 'Ebbw Vale trainer Dai Burchell who had planned to move to a purpose-built new yard in Stoke this month, will not be making the move after all.

'The 48-year-old ex-steelworker, who made a reputation for himself by winning over the jumps with cast-off flat horses, has decided to stay in Wales at the request of his present owners and has been looking for a yard closer to home. Burchell, who set up as a trainer with the voluntary redundancy money he received a couple of years ago after spending 25 years at Ebbw Vale's steelworks, has a big following in south Wales.

'He has been tagged 'Bookie Basher' after landing several long-priced betting coups. His decision to remain in Wales will be welcomed not only by his owners, but also by his followers who back his horses when and wherever they run.'

When the Tote Board put the minimum bet one could wager up I saw red and wrote: 'Board Are Wrong On Minimum Bet - At Wincanton Races recently, I overheard a couple of old age pensioners bemoaning the fact that the Tote Board had increased the minimum bet allowed from a £1 to £2. To my mind, this is not the way to attract new racegoers to a sport already concerned with dwindling attendance figures.

Cowbridge trainer John Thomas with Grand National runner-up Churchtown Boy.

'Not everyone who enjoys a day at the races can afford to bet £2 a race – especially old age pensioners or those on low earnings. There are still those who go racing with the aim of seeing good horses and jockeys in action. A £1 bet on their fancy all adds to the fun. But ask them to fork out £2 a race and they just might prefer to stay at home and back their fancy in the betting shop.

'Then, in the comfort of their own home, they can watch their horses run on television. The Tote's answer to all this is that the last major increase on pool bets was the change in the unit stake from 30p to 50p in 1975. But they say that with inflation of over 200 per cent in the last 10 years, the 50p of 1975 is today worth only 16.5p in real terms.

'That may be so, but there are still quite a few bookies in Tattersalls, let alone the Silver Ring at most racecourses I have been to, who will take a £1 bet.' How times change!

My report on the Welsh Grand National, under the heading '*Run And Skip* Is An Easy Winner' read: '*Run And Skip* made every yard of the running to win the Coral Welsh National over three miles, six furlongs on Saturday. Trained by John Spearing and confidently ridden by Peter Scudamore, *Run and Skip*, a seven-year-old bay gelding by *Deep Run*, finished six lengths ahead of the 100-1 outsider *Golden Ty* with *Kumbi* a further two lengths away third.

'Peter Scudamore, whose father Michael won the Aintree Grand National in 1959 on *Oxo*, was originally down to ride Jenny Pitman's *Smith's Man*, who pulled up entering the straight. Luckily, he changed his mind and teamed up with the winner instead.

'It was the biggest success yet for Alcester-based John Spearing who told me in the winners' enclosure after the race that the horse had improved a great deal at home during the past week or so. He said he was confident four fences out that the horse would not be caught.

'A modest and quietly spoken man, Spearing said that *Run and Skip* would now be aimed at the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham next March, a race in which he finished third last season.

The only hard luck story of the race belonged to Jonjo O'Neill, who had a crashing fall from *Broadheath* who appeared to be going well when falling five fences out.'

These days, Bryan Smart is a well-known trainer on the Flat, but back then I had this to say about him:

'Former National Hunt jockey Bryan Smart, who moved to Wales four years ago when his wife Deborah started up a livery yard at Llanwrda, is returning home to Lambourn this weekend. Smart, who plans to go public next year, told me: "We enjoyed our stay in Wales but we were too far away from the racecourses."

Many hunt-racing enthusiasts in the Vale will remember Barry's Ted Williams and under the heading 'Crosstown Retired' I had this to say: 'Popular Welsh point-to-pointer *Crosstown* has run his last race.

'A winner of 12 point-to-points and a hunter chase for his owner-trainer, Barry farmer Ted Williams, he will be fondly remembered by Tim Rooney, who chalked up his 100th win on him at the Pentyrch Hunt Steeplechases last season. Mr Williams bred *Crosstown* 15 years ago from a mare called *Channel View* which he had paid just 50 guineas for at the Newmarket sales. Mr Williams overcame difficulties to get *Crosstown* on the racecourse and in 1981 he was rewarded when *Crosstown* won five races in a row, including a victory over Grand National runner *Sandwilan* in Devon.'

You can e- mail your favourite racing stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920 736438.

UNDER-6S GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

THE under-6s mini football run by the Vale of Glamorgan on a Sunday morning has seen its numbers double within only a few weeks.

Clubs throughout the Vale have been introducing their young players to the fun football. Even if you don't have a team, if you're a year 1 child who wants to get involved, turn up at Jenner Park 9.45am on a Sunday morning. **LS**

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Book tells the story of Welsh Grand National

READERS of GEM columnist Brian Lee may be interested to learn that an updated version of his book on the history of the Welsh Grand National, which was first published in 2002, is now available.

It is called *The Welsh Grand National from Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice* and is published by The History Press at £14.99.

The Welsh Grand National was first held at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse in 1895 when it was won by Tom Cannon's *Deerstalker,* ridden by former Flat race jockey George Mawson.

Two Aintree Grand National winners, *Father O'Flynn* (1892) and *Cloister* (1893) faced the starter for the 1896 race and some 40,000 racegoers saw the legendary *Cloister* win in a common canter.

Cloister was ridden by Welshman Gwyn Saunders Davies, who once won six races in 13 days on *Fairy Queen* which must surely be a record of sorts.

David Thomas, an amateur rider from Pyle near Bridgend, riding the mare *Miss Balscadden* won the 1926 renewal but when *Miss Balscadden* won the race again in 1928, George Bowden, the son of John Bowden of Rectory Farm, Merthyr Dyfan, Barry, was in the saddle.

The late Mrs Posy Lewis of Llantwit Major, the first woman to be granted a licence to train under National Hunt rules, recalling Bowden told the author: "George was a handsome and likeable fellow and he rode winners for my father, Ralph Morel, and later myself."

The late point-to-point official Jack Thomas from St Athan recalled: "I knew George well. We schooled horses together in our younger days and I remember him riding a filly in the Derby, which is a rare thing indeed. It was called *Stampede* and was owned by a Dr Sixsmith of Cowbridge and he used to ride the filly on his rounds. Anyway, it trailed in last."

Evan Williams, whose father Fred hailed from Cowbridge and who was the starter at Ely Racecourse, could only finish third on the legendary *Golden Miller* in 1936 when the race was won by *Sorley Boy*.

No story of Ely Racecourse or the Welsh Grand National could be complete without reference to the Morel family. Their black, red and white racing colours, taken from the family shipping line, were immensely popular with racegoers and in 1939 it looked as though their *Waving Star* would record a popular local victory as she went half-a-dozen or so lengths clear after jumping the last.

But Jack Fawcus somehow conjured up a late run on *Lacatoi* to get up in the last few yards, to win by the shortest of short heads. *Lacatoi*, who had also won the race in 1935 and 1937, remains to this day the only horse to have won the race three times.

No longer would racing take place at Ely Racecourse, which closed its gates in 1939 but Posy Lewis would have her day some years later when Wales' most prestigious horse race moved to Chepstow Racecourse.

The book is well illustrated throughout and former National Hunt champion jockey Peter Scudamore MBE, in his foreword, wrote: 'The book is an engrossing study that not only documents the history of the great race, but also charts the development of National Hunt racing. The various former venues of the race, Cardiff and Newport, are beautifully described in the book,' and goes on to say: 'The book not only recalls the legendary trainers and jockeys that have won the race, but also the lesser known without whom National Hunt racing would not exist.'

The author said: "As a young man in the 1950s, I worked at the defunct Ely Racecourse as an assistant to the groundsman marking out football and rugby pitches and the only reminder then that it had once been a racecourse was an old grandstand which was demolished in 1961.

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Barrivale Bridge Club news

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for November 2 were as follows:

First, Celia and Huw Thomas, 60.12 per cent; second, Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles, 54.78 per cent; third, Kay Dyer and Diana Kendrick, 54.17 per cent.

Ann and Sean Macdougall won on handicap. The winners of the Barrivale Ladies' Pairs for 2015 are Diana Kendrick and Lyn Matthews.

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WALES won the Rugby League European Championship for the first time in five years after convincingly beating Ireland 30-4 in Bray on Saturday evening.

Only needing a win or draw to take the title for the seventh time, drawing level with France in title wins, Wales were given a good game by the Irish and took their chances to virtually wrap the game up before the break.

It was a fitting end to an exciting 80th anniversary European Championship tournament that had seen the closest competition since the new four-team structure was first introduced in 2010.

There were early chances at both ends. Some good Irish defence kept Wales out after they won a penalty on the halfway line.

Ireland lost a chance to score soon after that as a hopeful kick bounced over the dead ball line.

Courtney Davies kicked well for the first penalty and did even better second time around, reaching the 10 metre line.

Wales won a scrum after that set enabling Dalton Grant to keep up his scoring record by grounding in the corner. Davies converted.

Ireland pressed for a levelling score and Liam Finn's cheeky chip almost fooled the Welsh defence but it was cleared up at the second attempt.

After Wales fumbled in the next set, Ireland Elliot Cosgrove was stopped in his tracks on the fifth tackle.

Then Wales got a second try out of nothing after Casey Dunne dropped a high bomb and Lewis Reece was quickest to react, running in for Wales' second try. Davies converted.

Ireland bombed an almost certain try after a ball was dropped from a grubber kick and Wales made them pay.

From a penalty, Steve Parry dived over from dummy half on 33 minutes for one of his trademark tries. Davies goaled again to make it 18-0.

Five minutes after that, Rhodri Lloyd took advantage of a loose ball to run over in the corner for Wales' fourth try on 38 minutes. Davies' kick was short but Wales were still 22-0 up at the break.

Some good defence prevented Dalton Grant getting Wales' fifth 10 minutes after the break but Wales continued to take advantage of sloppy Irish defensive errors.

After winning a scrum from a dropped ball, Elliot Kear, on a repeat set after that, forced his way over with Davies converting before adding a penalty to make the score 30-0.

Wales were denied their first shut out in 23 years last Friday when France scored with seven minutes to go. This time, it got to 72 minutes, when following two successive penalties, Callum Mulkeen scored in the corner. Finn sliced his kick wide.

It was, however, only consolation for Ireland as Wales finished 30-4 winners and deserved European champions for 2015.

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Farmers take a trip to Monmouth

MONMOUTH Golf Club, established in 1896 and set on high ground to the east of the town, proved a welcoming venue for the first ever visit of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society when they met there last Thursday for their monthly meeting kindly sponsored by NFU Mutual Insurance agents Kelly, Harris & Conlon.

In addition to the individual prizes to be won there was the added attraction of competing in a team competition where the best two scores counted on the first six holes, three scores counted on the next six holes and all four scores counted on the closing six holes.

In the individual competition and despite the damp conditions and undulations of this demanding course, a very respectable 33 stableford points scored by retired veterinary surgeon Mike King was good enough to collect first prize and the NFU Trophy.

Runner-up with 32 points, including 17 on the back nine, was Julian Golunski followed by Martyn Edwards also with 32 points, but just 14 on the back nine.

A very relieved Jim Hayes who completed the round without any sign of the dreaded shanks, finished fourth with 31 points.

In the visitors' section Cottrell Park member John Brazier finished in first place with 31 points followed by Penllyne fitness fanatic Ian Taylor who scored 27 points.

Andrew Thomas also with 27 points finished in third place.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Gwyn Thomas, Mark Rees (2), Julian Golunski and Rob Price, whose tee shot to the difficult 164 yard 16th hole known as 'Devils Bunker' came to rest just a few feet from the hole.

David Williams was in buoyant mood having recently celebrated the birth of his first grandchild to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored longest drive prize and Mike King completed a perfect day by collecting the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing 43 balls would remain in this neighbouring county.

This raised £76 towards the fundraising effort of Julian Kelly, who next year is hoping to compete in the Victory over Cancer Bike Ride for Velindre Hospital.

RESULTS OF THE NFU TEAM COMPETITION:

Winning team with 105 points - Gwyn Thomas, Godfrey Lewis, Julian Golunski and Gareth Perkins; runners-up with 101 points were Dai John, Rob Price, Jim Hayes and Martyn Edwards.

In third place with 97 points were Julian Kelly, Mike King, Mark Rees and Glyn Watts-Jones.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 26 at Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club sponsored by Herbert Thomas & Co Ltd of Cowbridge. T.McC

Winners with society captain Brian Jones and sponsor Julian Kelly.

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for November 2:

1st Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 62.50%, 2nd Julia Evans & Cherry Cadwallader 61.22%, 3rd Vida Halford & Glyn Williams 59.82%.

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Paul's joy after Warwick winner

BRIDGEND trainer Paul Morgan landed the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Warwick last Wednesday with his six-year-old bay gelding Conas Taoi.

A winner of an Irish point-to-point last March, Conas Taoi, ridden by Conor Shoemark, won by five lengths from Pure Poteen and was returned the 100-30 favourite.

Over at Chepstow, Llancarfan's Evan Williams saddled yet another winner when his five-year-old The Gipper, partnered by Adam Wedge, took the National Hunt Maiden Hurdle race by two-and-a quarter lengths from the favourite Alibi De Sivola.

There were 13 starters and The Gipper was a well fancied 3-1 shot.

QUICK REPEAT WIN FOR PAUL

Just four days after winning at Warwick, Conas Taoi landed the Arup Handicap Chase at rainsoaked Ffos Las on Sunday.

Always prominent throughout the three miles of the race, Conas Taoi led four fences from the finish and was eased in the closing stages to win by four lengths from As De Fer.

Conas Taoi,who was the 13-8 favourite, was ridden by 3lb claiming jockey Conor Shoemark, who was also in the saddle when Conas Taoi won at Warwick.

Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen riding Rebecca Curtis's Globalisation took the Novices' Handicap Chase.

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Wales' loss could be New Zealand's gain

NEWS that Warren Gatland will be stepping down as the Wales head coach in 2019 and returning home to coach in New Zealand, was perhaps less of a surprise than the timing of the announcement – a full four years before the next Rugby World Cup in Japan.

"I have been away long enough. I am here until 2019… and then the plan is definitely to go home… I am 52, so hopefully I have quite a few years left coaching," he said.

While the pull of home is understandable, after seven years away from home and family (hiraeth is something every Welsh exile can relate to), one wonders if the decision was made easier by the regime changes at the WRU and the departure last week of group chief executive Roger Lewis, with whom he had forged a successful working relationship.

In a nudge to prospective suitors, who will surely not be slow in coming forward in the land of the long white cloud, the highly-respected former All Black, who has won two Six Nations Grand Slams with Wales since taking over in 2008, and has also led a successful British & Irish Lions tour to Australia, added teasingly that if he wasn't involved in Super Rugby or provincial rugby – "I may have to go to the beach for six or 12 months, put my feet up, and take a break!"

Somehow, it doesn't seem likely that he will be allowed to cool his heels for long and the proud Kiwi could well get a call from the All Blacks should their World Cup-winning coach Steve Hansen decide to step down, just as Graham Henry did after winning the crown in 2011.

Gatland will have the perfect chance to stake an early claim when he takes Wales on a three-test tour to his homeland in the summer.

Remarkably, he could create something of a record by becoming the third former head coach of Wales (after Henry and Hansen) to go on to coach the illustrious All Blacks. Should that happen, no-one will begrudge it, for Welsh rugby already owes him (and Lewis) a huge debt of gratitude.

DON JOHN

ABOVE LEFT: Stuart Edbrooke fights through the mud (and Tata Steel's defence!) while ABOVE RIGHT: Dan Howells crosses for a try. ALL PICTURES BY GLENNSPORTS.

MUCH-NEEDED VICTORY FOR BRIDGEND ATHLETIC

BRIDGEND Athletic ground out a much needed 16-5 win against neighbours Tata Steel; the win moved them three places up the table.

On a day when handling was difficult, the foundation of the win was based on a dogged display by the front five of props Wayne Fookes and Matt Muir, hooker Nathan Holman and locks Darren Deguerra and Tom Penry-Ellis.

They out-scrummaged their much heavier rivals and also did well in the line outs and loose. The Athletic, with the wind at their backs, started purposefully and took the lead after five minutes.

The pack set up a driving maul from a line out on halfway which moved 20 metres forward before Tata infringed to stop it. Full back Lewis Evans kicked the resultant penalty.

The next 30 minutes was largely a stalemate in difficult playing conditions. The Athletic were then awarded a penalty advantage 35 metres out.

Quick thinking by outside half Scott Govan saw him drop a well-judged 35-metre drop goal to give the Athletic a 6-0 half-time lead.

The second half saw Tata take advantage of the elements and put the Athletic under pressure inside their own 22.

Excellent tackling by the back row of Sean Williams, Stuart Edbrook and Ben Howe, and centres Sean Wilcox and Michael Hathaway, kept them out. The siege was ended when the Athletic pack pushed Tata back on their own ball at a five metre scrum, forcing them to break up and concede a penalty.

Eventually, in the 65th minute, Tata did find a way through the Athletic defence. On-loan Bedwas winger Rory Bodina ran strongly and kicked ahead to win a foot race to touch down in the corner. This left the Athletic with a flimsy 6-5 lead.

Experienced lock Griff Davies and utility back Aled Thomas came on and the momentum started to swing in favour of the fitter Athletic side.

Ben Howe and Michael Hathaway both made good breaks with wing Chris Lewis halted near the try line. Aled Thomas then chipped ahead and tackled the Tata full back.

The ball was quickly recycled on the Athletic side and passed via half backs Jake Williams and Scott Govan to centres Hathaway and Thomas.

Wing Dan Howells spotted a gap and burst through to cross for a well-worked backs try. Lewis converted to stretch the lead to 13-5.

Tata tried desperately to move the ball to secure a losing bonus point – but the stalwart Athletic defence were having none of it.

They kept the away side pinned inside their own 22 and won a last-minute penalty that Lewis Evans converted for a very tenaciously fought win.

With most of the long injury list of backs now due back in training, hopefully the Athletic can climb away from the danger zone, starting with a visit to Narbeth this weekend, before entertaining high-flying Swansea at the Brewery Field on November 21.

Backs coach Stuart Morris said: "The front five were magnificent, particularly scrummaging against a heavier pack. The back rows were very industrious.

"It was pleasing to see the backs implementing the handling drills practised in training in adverse handling conditions."

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Dai Evans swaps the Ravens for Scorpions

SOUTH Wales Scorpions have signed former Newport Gwent Dragons youth product Dai Evans from Welsh Rugby Union Premiership side Bridgend Ravens.

The 23-year old winger has been on top form for the improving Ravens this season, scoring twice in eight games, one of them against Neath leading to their first win of the season.

Evans will be returning to where it all started for him. Caerphilly-born, he started playing rugby union for Caerphilly RFC as an eight year old before signing for Newport Gwent Dragons and also playing for Bargoed RFC.

At that time, he played his first few games of rugby league for Penallta Storm youth, and also turning out for Wales under-18s.

After playing for Wales Crawshays in Portugal, he signed for Swansea in his first year of senior rugby, also playing for Glynneath and one game for Ospreys under-20s.

After a short spell with local Caerphilly side Senghenydd RFC, he signed for Moseley in the RFU Championship, playing both for them and their feeder side Birmingham and Solihull Bees.

Returning to Wales this year, he gave rugby league another go in the summer with Aber Valley Wolves, playing in their first and last game of 2015, being their man of the match in the final against Bridgend Blue Bulls.

Evans said: "Playing rugby league professionally is something that I've wanted to commit to for some time and I want to be part of something new with the Scorpions.

"I know they've had a rough couple of years, but all looks good now under Phil Carleton and I'm pretty excited to change. I'm going to take the opportunity with both hands."

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Bridgend bridge club latest news

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, November 4 - 1st Rob Forman and Alan Heath, 2nd Kevin Maddox and John Beard, 3rd Simon Richards and Julian Pottage. Winners on handicap Rob Forman and Alan Heath.

Thursday, November 5 - 1st Dilys Bowser and John Evans, 2nd Teresa Griffiths and Linda Jenkins, 3rd Frances Heslin and Dee Finch. Winners on handicap Dilys Bowser and John Evans.

Friday, November 6 - 1st Simon Richards and Julian Pottage, 2nd Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner, 3rd Linda Pinnock and Denis Mottram. Winners on handicap Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

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